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## Ex-CBP officer accused of wire fraud

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REPORTER

Federal agents arrested on Wednesday a former U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer who, in 2014, allegedly used his travel cash card at two stores on Saipan to obtain cash or other property and then used the cash to gamble or buy drugs.

Bob Hajime Deleon Guerrero Yamagishi was served with an arrest warrant after a federal grand jury indicted him with 37 counts of fraud by wire.

If convicted, Yamagishi faces a maximum prison term of 740 years.

Each count of wire fraud carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine or both, according to U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona at

yesterday's initial appearance hearing.

Yamagishi allegedly made the illegal cash advance transactions 28 times in July 2014 and nine times in August 2014, for a total amount of \$6,227.53.

Yamagishi has already resigned as a CBP officer due to the indictment, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Yamagishi, through court-ap-

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## Tank 102 project stalled once more

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REPORTER

Potentially defective welding is holding up the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s court-ordered Tank 102 project.

Results from the x-rays of these weldings were expected yesterday but CUC disclosed some problems with test readings of these weldings.

At a status conference of stipulated order projects in the U.S. District Court yesterday, U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section senior attorney Bradley R. O'Brien said they would like to be given "firm dates" in regards to solving the "weld-

ing situation."

CUC counsel Jame Sirok, speaking to U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter via teleconference, said they expected by yesterday to have the results of a May 26 testing of the weldings, but were informed late Wednesday that there were some problems with the films as the x-rays could not be interpreted.

Of the 10 films developed, only two were interpreted, according to Sirok.

Sirok said they have reshot test coupons and an interpretation should be available within the day.

According to Tano Group

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» Defendant allegedly used travel cash card at 2 stores to get cash to gamble or buy 'ice'



The 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court candidates, from left, Ashley Tabilisma, Elizabeth Basa, Mary Jane Anon, Stephanie Camacho and Zolenska Rios, pose for a photo under blooming flame trees yesterday after orientation at the Saipan Mayor's Office.

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## 5 vying for Liberation Queen tiara

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

Five young ladies who will vie for the 2015 Liberation Queen title were officially presented to the public yesterday during a pinning and sash ceremony at the Saipan Mayor's Office.

The announcement of the five candidates kicks off the start of the annual fundraising event. The one who sells the most number of tickets will be crowned the 2015 Liberation Queen.



Zolenska Rios, Ashley Tabilisma, Stephanie Camacho, Elizabeth Basa, and Mary Jane Anon are this year's candidates.

All five candidates for the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court were given time

to ask questions of the Liberation Day Committee members as well as to meet with David Burger, managing partner of the Liberation Day's independent auditor, Burger, Comer and Magliari.

BCM will be helping monitor this year's raffle ticket sales. The raffle's grand prize is

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## Notorious burglar is arrested anew

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Ex-convict Roland Hernandez Muña was arrested for allegedly burglarizing several cars at Stanford Resort Hotel in San Vicente and was found in possession of methamphetamine when caught after a car chase with police officers early Wednesday morning.

Muña, 26, was arrested for burglary, theft, possession of a controlled substance, reckless driving, and eluding a police officer.

Police are still investigating whether Muña, a notorious burglar, is behind the series of burglary incidents involving parked cars on Saipan.

Muña's bail was set at \$20,000 cash yesterday. Preliminary hearing will be on June 3 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer was appointed as counsel for Muña.

Police detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that a man called the Department of Public Safety's emergency line on Wednesday at 1:41am about a burglary and theft in progress on vehicles in the parking lot of Stanford Hotel.

After a few minutes, the caller called back to say that the same suspect took a box from one of the parked cars and put it inside a 2015 silver Toyota Corolla.

Police Sgt. Edward Ayuyu was in San Vicente and was approaching Isa Drive when he saw a silver Toyota Corolla with no lights on driving recklessly, heading north along Isa Drive near the former Nang Ocha Apartment leading down from Stanford Hotel.

Ayuyu activated his emergency lights and chased the car. Muña refused to stop and made a sudden right turn east into Nativio Drive that leads into a residential area.

The car ran over a low plastic type fence with planted flowers near a house and then came to a stop at a residence.

Ayuyu saw a man get down from the driver's side, leaving the car engine on and the driver's door wide open. The man ran while taking off his shirt.

At 1:53am, two other police officers searching the area spotted the man, later identified as Muña, at a residence.

At 2:13am, the caller was escorted to the area and he positively identified Muña as the person who burglarized the cars at Stanford Hotel.

During a patdown, a police officer allegedly recovered a clear bag containing a crystal substance in Muña's right front pocket. The substance later tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine, according to Pangelinan.

Inside the silver Toyota Corolla with license plate AEK 641, police found several handbags and purses, two set of golf clubs, two large boxes, kids' books, a glass tube, several business cards, and other items. The car is registered to Blue Sky International. It was impounded for inventory.

The owners of four vehicles that were damaged and burglarized went to the police station and positively identified their items that were recovered inside the silver Toyota Corolla.

Only in July last year, police officers tried to arrest Muña for burglary, leading to a high-speed car chase that ended with him crashing his car into a chicken coop and running into the jungle. Police finally succeeded in arresting him on July 10, 2014.

In that case, Muña was accused of burglarizing Pretty Tour Car Rental in Garapan and stealing an FJ Cruiser, a 31-inch flat screen television, cellphone, and several other items.

The Office of the Attorney General later dropped the case as the government was further investigating the case. Muña was seen laughing and smiling as he walked out of the courtroom.

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# AG: Proposed user fee for Grotto 'unconstitutional'

A bill seeking to authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to charge

"user fees" for the Grotto, a popular dive spot, has been deemed unconstitutional.

## TO ADDRESS LOOMING CW CRISIS

### Hart cites importance of more resources

By JOEL PINAROC  
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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College can offer more programs to address a looming manpower crisis in the CNMI if it has more funds to work with.

This is essentially the message NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart gave lawmakers during a budget hearing on Capital Hill yesterday.

NMC has proposed a budget of \$8.4 million for fiscal year 2016 to fund its personnel expansion and operations. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, however, just asked the Legislature for over \$4 million for the college.

The budget trajectory for the NMC seems to be flat, considering that from 2007 to 2015 its budget averaged only \$4.4 million.

"Our business is the education business," Hart said, adding that "it is challenging if you don't have the resources" and that the NMC cannot be expected to come up with more programs with its present resources.

Hart emphasized that NMC has implemented radical cost-cutting measures, foremost of which is reducing its manpower from more than 200 to a little over 100. It also introduced cost-

saving measures for its utilities.

"But we have to hold on to our employees," Hart said, when asked what the NMC's top priority will be for its fiscal year 2016 budget.

David J. Attao, NMC dean of Administration and Resource Development, added that NMC faces a daunting challenge to address the training needs of some 400 occupations currently held by CW workers.

Based on NMC's own reckoning, about \$250 million will be needed to replace all CW workers by 2019, or about \$42.6 million each year, Attao said.

But the real challenge is that NMC, the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, and the Public School System combined cannot provide the necessary training for all the 400 occupations, Hart said.

In an interview, Hart, however, said she is "optimistic" that lawmakers will support NMC's call for more funds.

"I truly believe that they [lawmakers] are seeing the great work that we have done in the past year. They may not give the whole budget [\$8.4 million] but I'm optimistic they will support the NMC," Hart said. "An educated community is our engine for growth."

House Bill 19-38, authored by Rep. Roman C. Benavente (Ind-Saipan), seeks to authorize the Parks and Recreation Division, in consultation with the Division of Fish and Wildlife, to charge visitors with the user fee. According to Benavente, locals are exempt from paying the pro-

posed user fees of \$3 to \$5 because the user fee is "not a tax."

The House of Representatives passed the bill this month.

However, a legal opinion from Attorney General Edward Manibusan said: "H.B. 19-38 is unconstitutional."

"The Grotto and its surround-

ing are public land. As such, all fees generated must be remitted to the Department of Public Lands. Pursuant to the Supreme Court's seminal decision in 'DPL vs. Commonwealth' 2010 MP 14, the DPL must collect all fees, rentals, and revenues from public land and then remit a certain portion of the funds each year to the Marianas Public Land Trust," a letter from Manibusan said.

The letter further said, "Any attempt by the Legislature to divert any of the public land revenues, be it fees or lease payments, away from DPL and MPLT would be unconstitutional."

The House Committee on Natural Resources sought the AG's legal opinion on HB 19-38. (Joel D. Pinaroc)



On Saturday, May 23, 2015, Joshua S. Aguon, who is a regular customer at Publix Market in Susupe, walked into the store with a friend to purchase some drinks. Joshua plays the Instant Scratchies Lottery tickets every chance he is able to. So he purchased one of every ticket designs to try his luck and for the fun of it. Much to his surprise, he won \$1000. He was so amazed that he began laughing and rubbing his head because he couldn't believe it! In the photo is the owner of Publix Market in Susupe. Good Luck to all the players out there!

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# PH honorary consul introduced to CNMI community

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A dinner reception was held in honor of Glicerio "Eli" Arago at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall Wednesday night to officially introduce him to the community as the new honorary consul of the Philippines for the CNMI.

Various dignitaries such as Philippine Consul to Guam Edgar Auxilian, Japanese Consul Hitoshi Kikuchi, and lawmakers like CNMI Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, Senate President Victor B. Hocog (Ind-Rota), and House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) attended the event.

Also present were members and leaders of the business sector like Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan and other community leaders like Saipan Mayor David Apatang. Different Filipino community groups were also present.

Arago said he was humbled and honored by the presence of so many people who came.

"I'm happy because this is really what we want to have, a very close partnership, friendship with the local community,



FRAULEINE MICHELLE S. VILLANUEVA

Philippine honorary consul Glicerio "Eli" Arago delivers his remarks at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall Wednesday night.

and the government, for the protection and interest of our citizens," Arago said.

## Right choice

For the many people who have known him, the Philippine government made the right choice in appointing Arago.

"We found a partner, a very good partner in the person of Mr. Eli Arago and we look forward to a close working relationship with him," Auxilian said.

"I really believe he is the right choice by the Philippine

government to represent all of the Filipinos in the CNMI community," Alex Sablan said.

Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan, who has known Arago for 30 years, said that Arago is "very loyal to the Philippine government."

Aside from working pro bono as honorary consul, Arago is currently senior vice president and chief finance officer of Tan Holdings.

"He could've become a U.S. citizen a long, long time ago. But until today, he still chose

to remain as a Philippine national," Tan said. "I don't think NMI can choose a better person than Eli to be the honorary consul."

Filipinos comprise about a third of the population of the Commonwealth.

"We are very thankful that we now have an official honorary consul that will help our *kabayans* here on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Before it was hard because Filipinos had to call the United Filipino Organization and we had to contact Guam. At least now we have Eli," said Romeo Malasarte, president of United Filipino Organization, which is the umbrella group of Filipino organizations on Saipan.

## Home away from home

In his speech, Arago said the CNMI has been his home away from home.

"I've lived and worked [on] Saipan nearly half of my life. For 30 years, the experience and friendship gained were opportunities that can only be felt or experienced when you are home. I am home. Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are the home for us and for my fellow *kabayans*," he said.

He also sought the help of the community to be able to

do his job well.

"I am here, along with the thousands of Filipino workers and their dependents, to reaffirm our long outstanding relations and friendship. I can only do much if I don't have the support of this community. I need all of you," Arago said.

He then proposed a toast for a "stronger partnership, for prosperity" and for "our enduring partnership."

According to Arago, they are now setting up an office in Fina Sisu where they can operate and process consular dealings.

Arago was appointed to the position by Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert F. del Rosario effective since April 8 and he took oath of office before Consul General Marciano R. de Borja at the Philippine Consulate General in Guam last May 8.

## Ex-convict gets 1 year in prison for punching brother after argument

An ex-convict was slapped yesterday with a maximum of one-year imprisonment for punching his brother after an argument over a dog.

Mariano W. Rasiang, 38, pleaded guilty to assault and battery as part of a plea agreement.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Rasiang to the full maximum of one year in prison, with the first nine months to be served without the possibility of parole.

Rasiang was given credit for 77 days of time served. After completing the prison term, he will be placed on supervised probation for three years.

Rasiang was ordered to pay a \$25 court costs, \$300 of probation costs, and to perform 300 hours of community service.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, Rasiang punched his brother, John William Rasiang, on March 12, 2015, on Saipan.

Police said the fight arose when John Rasiang scolded the defendant for bringing into their house someone else's dog that has a skin disease.

The defendant later repeatedly punched his brother, until the latter passed out. When the victim regained consciousness, the defendant allegedly chased him with a knife.

The Office of the Attorney General agreed not to use the plea or the facts in this case to revoke Rasiang's probation in a previous criminal conviction.

Camacho ordered the clerk of court to fax or provide a copy of the judgment to U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Rasiang is a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Camacho noted that the defendant is a repeat offender.

According to court papers pertaining to his 2012 conviction, Rasiang's father called for police assistance because his son had become violent, slamming the house's doors, hitting cars, and shouting.

The father disclosed that the defendant hears voices, and that he is scared to return to his house when his son is there because he has threatened to kill him and his wife. (**Ferdie de la Torre**)

## 3rd PH mobile consular mission for this year ends

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REPORTER

The Philippine Consulate General's third mobile consular mission on Saipan this year was deemed a success by Consul Edgar Auxilian.

According to Auxilian, 308 Filipinos registered as overseas voters, surpassing their target of 250.

"We've surpassed our target. We're happy, it helped that a lot

were inquiring about the voter's ID," he said.

More than 3,000 voter's IDs were for releasing at the mission.

More than 500 of the 600 scheduled applicants for passports came and had their biometrics and other information processed. Some even came all the way from Tinian and Rota.

Of the 339 passports that were for releasing, only 19 were unclaimed and will be brought

back to Guam.

More than 20 passports have been approved for extension.

Seventy-seven individuals availed of the special power of attorney, 10 filed reports of birth, while four marriages were recorded.

There were also authentications, affidavits and certifications that were processed.

Auxilian said they are looking at the third week of July for their

fourth mission in the CNMI this year. They will probably conduct a three-day mission, unlike the five-day mission they just concluded. They are also looking at holding it on Rota and Tinian.

"[The location] is subject to consideration. We have to assess how many Filipinos need passport renewals on Tinian and Rota," Auxilian said.

He also thanked the volunteers and the members of the United Filipino Organization for assisting them in the mission.

## TANK

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Inc., the company contracted to build the tank, two of the weldings passed the tests and they

hope to get the rest within the day.

Gilbane Federal vice president Daryl Greenway, who oversees the project, said through teleconference that their company would not be able to look at the films until

Monday when one staff member comes to the island.

Fletcher said the shots would be ready today or tomorrow but the "critical" thing was that Gilbane Federal would not be there for third

party review.

The conference was postponed until today as problems with feedback on the teleconference connection made communication to Carter unintelligible.

## QUEEN

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\$10,000, the baby grand prize is \$5,000, first place prize is \$3,000, and \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$150, and \$100 round out the cash prizes.

Tickets will be sold through the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court candidates and a booth will be available at the carnival grounds at the Gapan Fishing Base, ensuring the community has a way of reaching the young women they wish to support.

This will be a big difference compared to last year's Liberation Day festivities, where Liberation Queen candidates were difficult to reach to support their

fundraising efforts.

Henry Hofschneider, special assistant for the Mayor's Office, said the young women are full of energy and are looking forward to this year's event.

Last year, only four were a part of the Liberation Day Royal Court, with Pressel Camacho being crowned as the 2014 Liberation Queen.

## New logo

Skywalker Communications Group project manager Philip Lempa said the event's new logo will reflect the exciting lineup of this year's Liberation Day festivities that promises a great summer for Saipan.

"Our winning theme 'Peace in Diversity' ties in very well with the new logo

design each of its elements showcases the variety of highlights that will be happening in this year's annual celebrations," Lempa said.

"We have the sun, water, palm trees, parade and fireworks all displayed in colorful carnival colors in a logo just bursting with life," he added.

With the youthful and vibrant new logo, the 2015 Liberation Day Committee chose a design that would reflect the exciting line up this year's event promises to have this summer as well as the unique characteristics of the islands.

Skywalker Communications and the Saipan Mayor's Office want the 70th Liberation Day to be branded as an annual attraction for residents and visitors.

Lempa said the logo will be displayed in all of the committee's promotions for the events such as multimedia campaigns and signage throughout the islands and abroad.

The new logo will also be featured in the 2015 Liberation Day Raffle tickets set to be printed this week.

"With just \$1 a ticket, you could win \$10,000—how exciting can that be?" said Lempa. "We are doing this to offer a worthwhile annual event for families and the community and we are asking for all your support."

For more information on the Liberation Day festivities, contact Skywalker Communications through email at liberationcnmi@gmail.com.

## EX-CBP

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pointed counsel Janet H. King, pleaded not guilty to all charges. Manglona set the jury trial for Aug. 3, 2015 at 10am.

After the hearing, Yamagishi was remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshal Service.

Assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing appeared for the U.S. government.

According to the indictment, as then a CBP officer assigned to the Saipan field office, Yamagishi applied for and received a travel charge card. J.P. Morgan Chase issued the card.

The use of the travel charge by CBP employees is strictly regulated. For example, "Employees may use the travel card to obtain cash travel advances from Automated Teller Machine for official travel...travel advances shall be limited to cash amounts for official travel expenses that cannot practically be charged to the travel card."

The "use of the travel card for any purpose other than to

charge expenses while on official government travel for Customs and Border Protection is prohibited."

Improper use of the travel card includes unauthorized charges and charges not associated with official travel, personal use of the card, and cash withdrawals not commensurate with official travel.

From July 5 to Aug. 20, 2014, Yamagishi allegedly devised a scheme to defraud J.P. Morgan Chase by obtaining money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses and representations.

Yamagishi would allegedly use his travel card to obtain cash advances through ATM machines operated by two banks on Saipan.

The defendant would also allegedly present the card to an employee of CYC Kagman Market and Yong Hui Market to obtain cash and other property for personal use.

Yamagishi would allegedly then use the cash obtained to gamble or buy methamphetamine.



# Lizama found to have breached a contract over dental work

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The Superior Court issued yesterday a decision finding former judge Juan T. Lizama to have breached a contract by failing to pay for dental work he ordered performed on his brother.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho found Lizama liable to pay Dr. Allan Stuart Markoff, who owns Toothworks, \$5,381 on the principal plus \$1,123.82 in pre-judgment interest, for a total award of \$6,504.82.

Camacho ruled that there was a valid contract between the parties regarding dental work on Lizama's brother, Antonio, and that Lizama failed to make the required payments for Antonio's dental work.

Camacho said Lizama promised to pay for Antonio's dental care, that the dental work was performed, and that Lizama failed to make full payments, thus breaching the agreement he made with Markoff.

"The court finds that Lizama's testimony lacks credibility, especially because of Lizama's circular and evasive answers to questions while on the witness stand," Camacho said.

Markoff sued Lizama for allegedly failing to pay for dental services rendered on his brother. The dentist claimed that the defendant owes him and the clinic \$5,381. He alleged that the former judge refused to make payments beyond a single \$1,000 payment.

A bench trial was held on Dec. 30, 2014. Attorney Michael A. White represented Markoff. Lizama represented himself. Attorney Robert Myers made a limited appearance, also representing Lizama.

## »Camacho finds former judge's testimony lacks credibility

At the trial, the court heard the testimony of witnesses Dr. Caroline Galanza Marzan, a dentist at Toothworks, and Ruth Munoz Deleon, the clinic's accountant.

According to Camacho's order yesterday, Lizama and Markoff became acquainted through their work with the Northern Marianas College Foundation.

In June 2012, the parties dined together at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, where they talked on a range of topics, which included the condition of Lizama's brother's teeth.

On June 19, 2012, Lizama met with Markoff and Marzan to discuss Antonio's treatment proposal. At this meeting, Lizama promised to take care of his brother—reflected in Antonio's patient chart, where Lizama was quoted as saying, "take care of my brother. He doesn't have any money and I will pay for it."

Markoff suggested that Antonio go to Guam for a cone beam x-ray to determine if he would be a candidate for dental implants.

Antonio underwent the cone beam x-ray on June 29, 2012.

On July 10, 2012, Lizama and Markoff discussed potential implants for Antonio.

Lizama went on to say, "Just remove the teeth and the infection and make him a set of dentures and I will be responsible. He has no money and this is the right thing to do for my brother."

At this point, Markoff started dental work on Antonio.

On Aug. 23, 2012, a statement for Antonio's treatment was sent to Lizama, with a balance of \$6,381. Seven days later, on Aug. 30, Lizama made a \$1,000 payment on Antonio's account.

Lizama discussed a potential payment plan for the remainder of the account with the clinic's accountant, Deleon.

On Sept. 1, 2012, Markoff informed Lizama via email that the clinic will not allow Antonio's account to be paid in installments.

On Nov. 8, 2012, Markoff sent Lizama a letter demanding payment for the balance of \$5,381.

No additional payments beyond the initial \$1,000 were made.

At trial, Lizama claimed that Markoff was "luring" him into the dental work situation and implied that he was only speaking with Markoff regarding the NMC Foundation business and his sister, Esther Muña.

Camacho said Lizama claims he had made no promises to pay.

Camacho said that based on the testimony and evidence presented at trial, Lizama did ask Markoff to look at Antonio's teeth. The judge said Lizama also offered to cover the bill for Antonio's dental care.

"Although defendant Lizama does not personally benefit from the bargain, there is still valid consideration, as this contract is not related to a pre-existing debt," Camacho noted.

Camacho said Lizama claims

he is not responsible for the balance due on Antonio's account but Lizama contradicts himself, because on Aug. 3, 2012, Lizama went to Markoff's office and paid \$1,000 on an account that he claims he does not owe.

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# Dog sterilization services down to one vet

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The dog sterilization campaign in Kagman slowed down after one of Animal Balance's veterinarians fell ill, resulting in some pet owners being turned away the past several days.

Until Tuesday, May 26, Animal Balance had been using two veterinarians.

"She is still ill and is not able to do any surgeries. She is still recovering," said Animal Balance founder and director Emma Clifford.

For the past three days, Dr. Byron Maas has been the only veterinarian seeing the dogs being brought in. He was able to attend to a total of 107 dogs

for three days straight while his colleague was ill.

"He is trying his best and he really can't do a lot. He is overwhelmed and had to turn some community members way," Clifford said.

"We apologize for the inconvenience and thank the community for their understanding. Our other veterinarian has been in the hospital three times and she is in a lot of pain and we only had one and has been doing a lot of surgeries for a small amount of time," she added.

Clifford said that Animal Balance would do its best to bring back the dog sterilization

services to Saipan in October. On behalf of Animal Balance, she urged the community to step forward and help the Saipan Mayor's Office raise funds and bring in volunteers so that services will be brought back in October.

Henry Hofschneider, special assistant for the Mayor's Office, also extended his apologies to the community on behalf of Mayor David M. Apatang for the inconvenience of some community members who were turned away.

"The veterinarian that fell ill was beyond our control and she needs rest. We couldn't

do anything about it and the service is overbooked for one veterinarian only. So we apologize for the inconvenience," Hofschneider said.

"We will be meeting with Animal Balance and sit down to talk about another sterilization service this October and the continuing years. We understand that people were looking forward to this," he added.

Dog control program manager Spencer Marchadesch said there would be no sterilization services today because they are overbooked.

"We're now focusing on the shelter animals and adoptions. We urge the community to avail of the adoption program in Lower Base," he said.



Hofschneider

## US DOL's Mine Safety and Health Administration is here for survey

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Representatives of the U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration are on island for the first time to do a "fact gathering" and survey in the CNMI.

Western District manager Wyatt Andrews and assistant manager Paul Belanger met with Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero yesterday.

One of the main points of their visit is to determine whether there are indeed operations that can be considered mining sites in the islands, aside from those which are known to be so.

"What we suspect, we know that, we've been told that there are some other quarries," Andrews said.

He also mentioned that they will be having tours until tomorrow to check sites that could be considered mining ones.

"Anytime that a raw material is extracted from the ground and it's processed...once they take it out of the ground, process it, put it in trucks, move it out, it's considered mining. And there's many of this operations that people don't recognize as mining operations," Andrews said.

Part of the definition of "mine" under the Mine Act is that it is: (a) "an area of land from which minerals are extracted in nonliquid form or, if in liquid form, are extracted with workers underground; (b) private ways and roads appurtenant to such area; and (c) lands, excavations, underground passageways, shafts, slopes, tun-

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"Anywhere that there's development, whether they're building roads or making asphalt, there has to be mining. It's aggregate that makes these materials so this has to be mined," he added.

According to the team, they are not here for enforcement yet but more on for education.

"If there are mine sites here, and if they are, we will be coming and have the best approach to talk to these mine operators, bring them together, educate, and train and then any enforcement that will come will be later down the road," Andrews said.

"This is not an enforcement; this is having information and fact gathering," Guerrero said, adding that the federal department will be having a sit down to talk about the needs and assistance that may be provided to the CNMI.

According to Andrews, this was the first time that they are conducting a tour of this kind for the Commonwealth, even as it was determined earlier on that MSHA is required to implement the Mine Act of 1977 in the CNMI as well as in Guam, American Samoa, and other U.S. territories.

"At some point, it was overlooked or someone determined that there wasn't funding to come out or whatever," he said.

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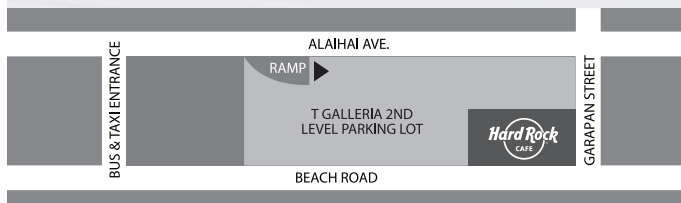
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Sixteen candidates from different schools will compete in the Environmental Top Model 2015 competition that will be held tonight at the 360 Night Market in Susupe.

Eleven girls and five boys from eighth grade to first year college will compete in modeling their summer wear and the highly anticipated trash wear, where the candidates walk down the ramp with clothes made from recycled materials.

In order to win, they have to be able to wear the ingeniously created clothes from "trash to class," as event coordinator Sharmaine Casquero puts it.

One winner each will be chosen for the male and female categories.

Candidates this year for the female category are Romeena Manzon, Nina Rhitz Manzon,

Zhee Frazier, Pauline Castro, Michelle Galang, Stephanie Lagunero, Rizza Mae Manzon, Ashley Shennel Tabilisma, Deindy Fernando, Angela Barbo, and Chayanne Delos Santos.

For the male category, they are Archie Abugan, Ken Yasuda, Austin Barcinas, Mark Anthony Mintac, and Daniel Atalig.

As part of their summer wear, the candidates will also be strutting with T-shirts-turned-eco bags that the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance made.

Last Tuesday, candidates were presented to the public with the stylish eco bags, which can also be purchased tonight at the event as part of their fundraising efforts.

Like last year, this event is also in cooperation with the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, to further raise awareness of the importance of the 4Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Respect.

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### EDITORIAL

## US moral authority tackles FIFA corruption

**B**ig cheers are in order for the U.S. Justice Department crackdown on alleged corruption in FIFA, soccer's international governing body.

Regardless of how one feels about soccer, the United States is asserting moral authority over an organization that has brought shame for years to a great sport.

There is no institution on Earth that reaches across as many borders and into as many hearts as soccer. Yet the sport has long been tainted by overt and seemingly intractable cronyism at its highest levels.

In a remarkable announcement Wednesday, the Justice Department said that it has charged 14 FIFA officials with racketeering, wire fraud and money laundering related to decades of bribery and kickbacks.

Defendants include executives at the Switzerland-based organization, and current and former presidents of its U.S.-based affiliate CONCACAF, which governs soccer in North America, Central America and the Caribbean.

U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said they are accused of "corruption that is rampant, systemic and deep-rooted both abroad and here in the United States."

Victims range from youth leagues to developing countries that should benefit from the staggering revenue FIFA generates—\$5.7 billion from 2011 through 2014, mostly from broadcast and licensing deals. Also harmed are fans everywhere whose support makes FIFA's commercial rights valuable, Lynch said.

America's leading role in tackling soccer's problem and calling for ethical governance will resonate throughout the world, from war-torn villages in Syria to the forests of South America and the surging commercial cities of China.

It also sends a strong message to other sports organizations rolling in money and potentially tempted by influence peddling that they, too, will be held accountable.

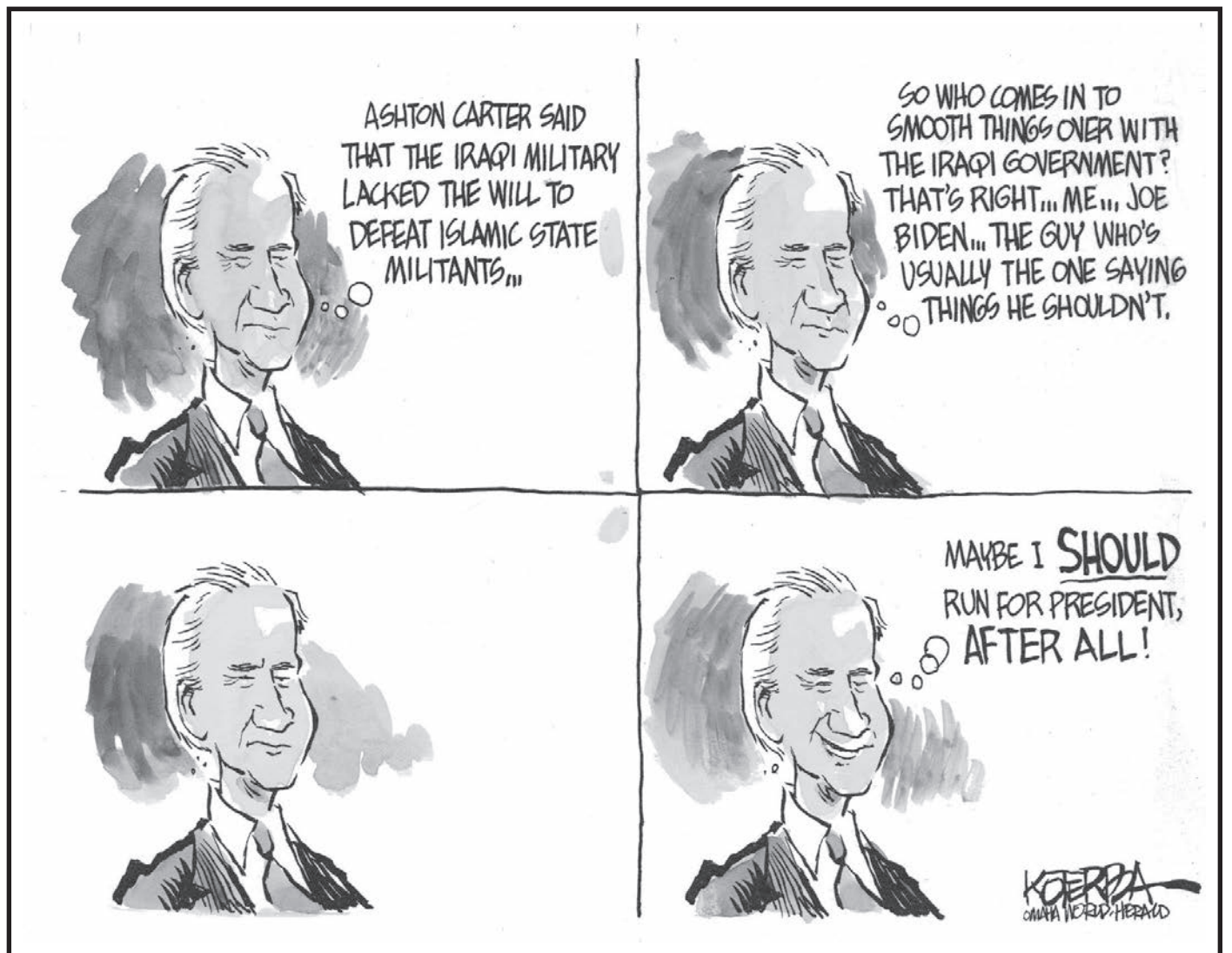
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## Jobs, economic data still troubling

**T**he national unemployment rate ticked down slightly to 5.4 percent in April—a rate not seen since May 2008—the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics recently reported. While this is welcome news, government statistics mask economic troubles that continue to plague millions of Americans years after the end of the last recession.

For starters, the widely-reported "U-3" unemployment rate only includes those who are actively seeking employment. And more and more job-seekers are getting discouraged and giving up the job search altogether. This is why the unemployment rate has declined even as the civilian labor force participation rate has dropped significantly from its peak of 67.3 percent in 2000 to 62.8 percent today—hovering near a 37-year low.

The broader U-6 measure of unemployment, which includes those who want to work but have gotten so discouraged by their unsuccessful job search that they have given up, and those who want to work full-time but have had to settle for part-time work, remains double the U-3 rate, at 10.8 percent.

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## Why am I writing about the Northern Marianas?

**I**t could appear very odd to you that a former Honolulu mayor will be authoring a column in one of your major dailies. It begs a legitimate question: What and how much do I know about the Chamorro and Carolinian people and culture? Allow me to give you a snapshot of my background.

My first introduction to the CNMI was when I was working for former Hawaii governor George Ariyoshi as a special assistant with a specific focus on Pacific Island affairs. Ariyoshi to his credit wanted very much for Hawaii to bond with its neighbors in the Pacific, in particular the U.S. Flag jurisdictions. He believed that Hawaii had much to share and to learn from such a relationship. The buzzwords were "regional cooperation," "cultural sensitivity," and to borrow a phrase that the venerable Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, Fijian Prime Minister coined, "the Pacific Way." Thus he and Governors Carlos Camacho of the CNMI, Guam's Paul Calvo, and Peter Coleman of American Samoa became the founding fathers of a new regional organization called the Pacific Basin Development Council, or PBDC.

As Ariyoshi's lead staffer to PBDC, I obviously knew a lot about Hawaii, a fair amount about American Samoa given my cultural lineage, and was somewhat familiar with Guam. My family had lived in Guam from '48 to '53 and my father Gustav and uncle Bill Beaver were part of the management team that the Jones family had put together to manage their growing business operations in Guam. As for me personally, I had not been born yet while my family resided in Guam (but as I am inclined to say, had they stayed a few more months I would have been the tallest "Chamorro" ever born in Agaña). My introduction with Guam stemmed from my experience in playing for American Samoa's silver medalist basketball team in the 5th South Pacific Games that the Territory hosted in 1975. Except for our loss to Guam for the gold medal, I had a wonderful time soaking up the culture, acquiring a taste for new food, eating at what we were told was the largest McDonald's in the world at that time and making new friends—some of whom I still keep in contact with. I vowed as I left to return to the East Coast for college after having such wonderful time that I would return someday to Micronesia.

Since 1975 I have indeed returned on several occasions to this part of the Pacific and my sojourns have also taken me to the FSM, Palau, and the Marshall Islands. Working with the PBDC provided me with an in-depth look at the Commonwealth through the eyes and work of the four original founding fathers/governors who enjoyed a healthy respect for each other and had an active agenda both in the region and in Washington, D.C., which kept their lead staffers busy. Hawaii Governor John Waihee, who succeeded Ariyoshi, whose Cabinet I served in as the State Director of International Affairs and Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, was also very keen on forging close ties with

### MARIANAS MATTERS

By **MUFI HANNEMANN**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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his Pacific island neighbors. It was during Waihee's (Hawaii's first native Hawaiian chief executive) time that we developed a close relationship with Gov. Pedro Tenorio and Guam Gov. Joseph Ada.

I built upon my PBDC experience in my next three government responsibilities: as a special assistant in the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Territorial and International Affairs in the Carter administration, as U.S. Representative to the South Pacific Commission through the Department of State under President Bill Clinton (both federal assignments brought me to Saipan and Guam on several occasions) and as mayor of Honolulu from 2004 to 2010. The latter responsibility brought me into frequent contact with the growing Micronesian community who have relocated to Hawaii either as professional students or residents of the 50th State. From a private sector context, I also have three experiences that have enhanced my understanding of CNMI and this part of the Pacific region—as an executive with C. Brewer and Company, an agribusiness firm that was once Hawaii's oldest business; as president and CEO of the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association, the state's largest tourism organization; and as the principal of MFH Enterprises, a professional consulting firm that I founded. In these private capacities, I have conducted business and commerce, been invited by the Commonwealth's Department of Commerce and the Marianas Visitor Authority to deliver presentations on tourism and the economy and, together with Tan Holdings COO and president Jerry Tan, have started a new leadership development program for young professionals called the Pacific Century Fellows, which recently unveiled its second class of Fellows from this Marianas Chapter (I will discuss this exciting new program in greater detail in a future column). Lastly, during the past couple of years, I have participated and been immersed in numerous meetings and initiatives regarding CNMI, as a result of my frequent visits to Saipan. I have also attended and enjoyed my fair share of social, sports, cultural, and religious activities and events and, as a foodie guy, have patronized quite a few of your restaurants from Garapan to Susupe.

Through it all I have met all kinds of interesting and diverse per-

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## Notes from the tailgate

I won't be seeing my beach chair any time soon, so today we'll have to sit on the tailgate of a pickup truck. That's because I'm still making the rounds of American ranching country. John Wayne had his six-shooter. Me, I'm packing some Chinese flashcards. Welcome to modern times, pardner.

Before I get to the flashcards, I'll mention that Asian markets are a much-discussed factor in the U.S. heartland. That's not entirely a new thing. A few business owners I know here remember taking trips to Japan in the '80s. These days, China, of course, is the big name, with a concurrently big demand for stuff like wheat, lumber and metals.

Anyway, I haven't so much as glanced at what the outside world has been up to lately. This is therefore a good time to pass on a few more notes for those of you making your way through Chinese studies. Here are several items:

1) Tuttle Publishing, one of the major names in the Asian language realm, came out with a new series of Chinese flash cards in 2012, and I finally got around to trying them out. The "Chinese Flash Cards Kit" series comes in three volumes.

This is separate and distinct from the "Chinese in a Flash" series of flashcards, which have been on the market for a far longer time and are also a Tuttle production.

As for the "Chinese Flash Cards Kit," each volume comes with a CD that has audio files of every word in the volume, a booklet that includes the words, and a metal card-holding ring that can hold

some cards so you don't lose them when you're toting them around.

Volume 1 has 349 cards and lists for \$13.97. Volume 2 is 273 cards and is also \$13.97. Volume 3 is 448 cards and is \$19.57. Prices vary by seller; I pulled these prices from Tuttle's website.

Each card features one Chinese character and some words derived from the character.

I bellied up for the first two volumes to test them out. Overall, I found these cards very useful; however, for reasons that elude me, the "Chinese Flash Cards Kit" cards are printed in sky blue ink. Since I use flashcards to squeeze in little study sessions whenever I can, and these times often don't provide ideal lighting, the smaller fields in the cards are a bit hard to read sometimes.

2) At some point in the past I mentioned a series of readers (books) from a series called *China Breeze*, published by Peking University Press. I was pretty slow on the draw about spending time with the examples I ordered, but I read a few of them lately.

One key notion here is that the books come in several levels of difficulty. You can select the level that's appropriate for you. Don't look to me for any scientific way to do this, I just use trial and error.

From my experience, the books were a great way to exercise the vocabulary that I already knew, which is exactly what I wanted to do. So I did best by aiming low here, finding books that were easy to read. Me, I've accepted the fact that I'll never be good at Chinese, but I am determined not to get any worse, especially since I have scant opportunity for practice.

Each book comes with a CD with audio files of the book read aloud (one at a slower pace, one at a faster pace), but I never got around to trying out this feature.

The market for these books seems a bit spotty, and prices and availability have a wide range. I glanced at some listings at Ama-

## Thoughtful conversation

It was thoughtful conversation with a young scholar equipped with steely determination, natural intelligence and depth. He took me on a quick visit to issues and writing going back 40-plus years.

Specifically, he wanted to know what inspired me to scribble for over four decades now. I wanted a voice on issues that matter. I expected healthy discussion, agreeable or disagreeable a reader may be. It has been and still is a journey in "search of the truth!" At day's end I'd like to go home with a clear conscience, ready for a restful night. My world begins with being at peace with myself.

Have my views on various issues changed over time? Indeed, ripe age occasionally requires retreating for intellectual and spiritual nourishments but there are issues to which I remain resolute, unwavering.

Foremost is colonialism, specifically the shift in colonial masters each of whom came with total racial arrogance to annihilate our way of life. Each simply trashed our dignity as a people. It speaks volumes how they see us—slaves—in complete condescension. It's an indelible scar in my mind and spirit. What gall to destroy our dignity and way of life!

Attempts at cultural genocide failed successively. It's the iconic vestiges of colonialism that shifted or changed hands from Spain, German, Japan and now the U.S. Did we meet this with adulation or contempt? I take the latter. How do you end a language we were born with? But they succeeded fostering divisiveness via the use of divide and conquer.

The shift in colonial masters forced a cultural journey that never ended in terms of coming to terms with our cultural identity. It seems an endless glide into nowhere land except disruption and disorientation. But take a look at the sun at dawn. Hold it in your eyes for a few seconds for you will see the light and everything else around you. It begins by meditating on our ancestral relationship with the land and sea.

It's the disruption of our cultural tradition that took the wind out of our sails of sound village level unity and indigenous resiliency. Appalling how some of our very own advocated the master's dictates, substituting as coconuts. I have no apologies for the pejorative use of the term coconuts even against those who resorted to avarice, ignoring the fate of the innocent.

Understandably, the landscape shifted so drastically where the absence of strong indigenous leadership gave way to neocolonialism. It was embraced as a new normal for shielding the inadequacies of local elected elite to "plan for" our future. Are casinos, food stamps, Medicaid and other entitlement programs we can't afford on our own the future of our children? Would not their powerful erosive

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zon.com, which range from \$7.95 to \$14.95.

3) Here's a site worth visiting: YoyoChinese.com.

It's a series of very short video lessons, and by short I mean on order of a few minutes. This focused approach chops things up into easy-to-digest little slices.

The site features free content (which I've tried out) and paid content (which I haven't). As for the stuff I saw, it was excellent. Albert Wolfe, author of *Chinese 24/7* (by far my favorite book on Chinese), is part of the Yoyo Chinese team.

The paid content runs \$159 for a year's worth of access to their streaming lessons; \$99 for six months; with lower prices for even shorter spans. I'm not good enough at managing my time to take this route; every time I subscribe to something I'll forget all about it for the next half-year. But for those who can use their time, and their subscriptions, more wisely than I can, this may be a very good bet.

As for Yoyo Chinese, and the other stuff, too, I've merely scratched the surface. There's not enough space for more details. I just wanted to get this stuff on your radar screen. Now that I've done that, I'll close the tailgate, fire up the truck, and head off into the sunset.

**WHY**

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sonalities that have resulted in meaningful and substantive relationships. I have evolved into a goodwill ambassador for Saipan, as Gov. Eloy Inos, Congressman Kili Sablan, Rep. Angel Demapan, and businessmen Jerry Tan, David Sablan and Dennis Yoshimoto, my former classmate at Iolani School in Honolulu, can attest to because I am always touting and promoting NMI in my work and travels elsewhere. Needless to say, I have really developed quite an affinity for the region, especially for the people and the culture. I can sense that my acceptance level in the community has also risen some as I am referred to more and more as uncle rather than automatically being called mayor.

Therefore this serves as the basis by which I accepted the *Saipan Tribune's* kind invitation to write a column periodically. I intend to offer my views and perspectives of the Marianas region and share a thought or two on an idea that may be thought provoking or of some benefit to the community. As someone who has developed a profound admiration for these islands, I hope to contribute in my own small way to making the Commonwealth a better place to live, work, visit, and play.

Finally, with Memorial Day and Military Appreciation Month, which occurs in the month of May still fresh in my mind, permit me to do a shoutout of gratitude to all our armed services personnel in the Marianas region—active, retired and especially those who we refer to as our fallen heroes. May we never forget this one indisputable fact: Without the sacrifices and service to our nation by these special men and women, we would not be able to enjoy the freedom and liberties that we have today as Americans.

**JOBS**

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But even this does not provide the full unemployment picture. In 1994, the BLS stopped including long-term discouraged workers, who have been unemployed for more than a year, in its statistics. Reinserting this group would yield an unemployment rate of 23 percent, according to John Williams of ShadowStats.com.

A Harris Poll conducted for Express Employment Professionals reveals the depths of would-be workers' despair, finding that fully 40 percent of those unemployed have given up looking for work.

For more than six years, increased government spending and the Federal Reserve's quantitative easing and zero interest-rate policies have failed to restore prosperity, succeeding only in fostering more debt, reinflating the equity and housing bubbles for the next crash and destroying any incentives to save or eliminate malinvestments.

Until these monetary and fiscal policies are reversed, expect more boom-and-bust business cycles, more erosion of lower- and middle-class wealth and more massaged government statistics.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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effects forever compromise traditional cultural values of the NMI?

Interesting too how we've used the term "indigenous" as a convenient cane stick to support half-cocked political agenda. If anyone wishes to claim otherwise, name one single indigenous program so designed to help indigenous families deal with the challenges and impositions of modernity. It's one big fat zero! Nada! Then comes the final insult—more spouts about cultural values—often maligned in ill-defined political agenda. And that seems the humiliating extent and commitment to culture!

Moreover, the election process has changed from a true expression of "we the people" to who has the "deepest pockets." Rich donors have simply selected their pet dogs from among candidates, funneling money for their election. Servile puppies in turn guard their boss' interests in legislative chambers and administrative offices. The people's interest takes second fiddle. I could see the young scholar's jaw drop in amazement. "Has it come down to deep pockets now?"

We decided to take a break, though I'm pleasantly convinced that the young scholar would be the torchbearer of the truth as he sets sail to become a journalist.

**Writing in vernacular**

My young friend said he's impressed with my decision to write in Chamorro. Indeed, I did it recalling the last lessons in the second grade, the conversations I've had with my late grandfather Elias P. Sablan, my Uncle Bill and his wife, both of whom were teachers and masters of the language, mom, aunts and uncles. It was the basic reconstruction of what became my Chamorro writing foundation.

Actually, I wanted to write our stories from within. I wanted to share stories from fellow Chamolinians, their aspirations, problems and concerns. Nothing is more credible than telling what's known in the business as the "inside story of the story."

Sickening listening to our story told by others from without who failed to put context into their materials. Hoping too that down the stretch we would engage more indigenous writers.



# The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲86° ▼77°

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼77°

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

MONDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

TUESDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image

**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A frontal system near Iwo To Island is producing cloudiness with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in several patchy areas northwest of a line from 19N132E to 25N145E to beyond 25N. A weak monsoon trough extends northeastward from 7N130E to a disturbance centered southeast of Guam near 12N148E then runs eastward to end northeast of Enewetak atoll at 12N164E. Scattered showers west of Koror are west of a line from 8N133E to 6N133E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae are between 14N and 11N from 147E to 165E. Convergent south to southeast winds are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southwest of Chuuk in patchy areas south of 4N from 145E to 152E and across Pohnpei state within 100 miles of a line from 7N156E to 5N161E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼51
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲79	▼65
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼80
Honolulu	Showers	▲82	▼70
London	Rain	▲60	▼46
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲91	▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲62	▼48
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼75
New York	Sunny	▲78	▼65
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼71
Paris	Cloudy	▲69	▼51
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼63
Rome	Sunny	▲79	▼56
Salem	Sunny	▲83	▼55
San Francisco	Fog	▲61	▼52
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼63
Tokyo	Rain	▲77	▼69
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲85	▼70

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- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)

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Saipan Harbor			
5:13 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
12:16 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
6:25 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
11:51 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:47 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:43 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:43 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:44 PM
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Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	2:56 PM	2:24 AM
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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3			UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3					
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UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota			UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7					
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DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6			DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily					
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily			DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7					
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## A growing momentum to protect scared lands

I am a Ph.D. candidate with The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Otago/Te Ao O Rongomaraeroa in Dunedin, on the South Island of Aotearoa/ New Zealand. I am writing from Aotearoa to tell the people of the Marianas that they are not alone in the struggle to protect our scared planet. You have friends and supporters beyond Oceania that stand in solidarity with you in opposition to the proposed military live-fire training on Pagan and Tinian.

I grew up on the other side of Oceania in California, and although I was not raised in the Marianas, my mother lives there and I have been visiting every summer for several years. Over the past year, I have become increasingly involved with the nonviolent and artistic resistance occurring in the Marianas and throughout Oceania in relation to the American foreign policy Asia-Pacific Pivot and Trans Pacific Partnership. I have been in contact with Moñeka De Oro, using her powerful statement from the CNMI Joint Military Training Draft EIS/OEIS public meeting at Tinian Junior Senior High School in my methodology chapter and her poetry in a poster I presented. I contacted Arley Long regarding the online petition and asked ways in which she would prefer for me to publicize it and share. Most recently, I joined and contacted Alternative Zero Coalition. I established direct communication with Cinta M. Kaipat and asked if there was particular message that I should include in my research and presentations. Cinta asked me to please continue "raising awareness of our strong desire to stop the military's destructive plans to bomb Pagan and Tinian."

As a combination of scholarship and activism, I worked to raise awareness of the further colonisation and continual militarization of the Marianas through several methods and at varying venues across Oceania.

In March, I spoke on *Mutiny Radio*, in collaboration with KPFA, broadcasted from the Mission District in San Francisco and available online. I discussed the proposed buildup of the Marianas and other Oceania activism on "Women's Magazine with Global Val," an hour-long radio program that presents and discusses women's lives and issues globally and locally from "a radical, multiracial, feminist, mujerist, womanist perspective." (<http://podcasts.percollective.org/WomensMagazine/WomensMagazine-20150227.mp3>).

In April, I gave an artistic presentation on the Community and Cultural Development: Pacific Projects Panel at the Con-

temporary Pacific Arts Symposium. The transnational event held at Footscray Community Art Centre, on the banks of the Maribymong River on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people, Kulin nation in Melbourne, Australia.

Two week later, I presented research at the National Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies' Research Seminar Series: Nonviolent Visual Resistance on Guåhan and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI): Photography as a form of nonviolent resistance to contemporary colonialism & everyday militarization. In May, I presented the visual poster titled: *Tip of the Spear* also at Te Ao O Rongomaraeroa in Aotearoa. Following the presentation, at least 10 people from Aotearoa signed the online petition. I also shared the link with the Association for Anthropology in Oceania (ASAONET) email list serve and War Resisters' International tweeted it on their official twitter account. Here is a direct link: [www.tinyurl.com/StopIslandBombing](http://www.tinyurl.com/StopIslandBombing).

In addition to speaking and presenting about the continual militarization of the Marianas, other nonviolent resistance organizations and groups have been showing solidarity through social media. Facebook organization page, 'Alternative Zero Coalition' (<https://www.facebook.com/AlternativeZeroMarianas?fref=ts>) and Facebook community page 'Our Islands are Sacred' (<https://www.facebook.com/ourislandsaresacred?fref=ts>) are at the forefront of providing logistic information, status updates, and video commentary regarding the Department of Defense's proposal. Facebook public groups, 'We Are Guåhan Public Forum' (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/201035718843/>) and 'Manhita Marianas- Marianas Together' (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/471177866379761/>) create space for dialogue and brainstorming. The network of organizations 'DMZ-Hawaii' Aloha 'Aina' (<http://www.dmzhawaii.org/?p=11107>), and the Facebook community 'I Oppose the Expansion of US Bases in Okinawa' (<https://www.facebook.com/closethebase?fref=ts>), also shared stories of protecting the Marianas and opposing U.S. military Asia Pacific-Pivot. Other Facebook groups that share the online petition and continue to collaborate include Pacific History Association, Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific, Peace Movement Aotearoa, and the Pacific Youth Council.

*Stella Magazine* (<http://www.stellamag.com>), a "thinking women's magazine based in Papua New Guinea," will feature regular stories from the Marianas beginning this August to spread awareness to Pasifika communities.

Although I am based on the South Island of Aotearoa, I am

also a research associate with the University of Guam/ Unibetsedât Guåhan Micronesia Area Research Center. I am returning to the Marianas in the first week of June to highlight the activities relating to nonviolent and artistic resistance visually. I manage the

Facebook Page: 'Oceania Resistance' (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oceania-Resistance/883965481628059?ref=hl>) as an online visual platform that shares my activism and research, offers news and articles, photographs and films, features events, highlights youth

organizations, and showcases artistic activism in Oceania.

I am hoping to show the tremendous momentum that is growing within the CNMI and beyond. Oceania is intensifying; from the protectors on top of Mauna Kea in Hawai'i, to the

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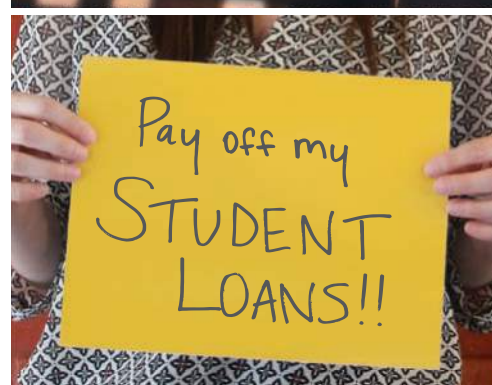
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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Procurement and Installation of a Rotating Beacon Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Project No. CPA-SA-003-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies to procure and install a brand new rotating beacon, climbing device and basket at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Proposals are to include procurement, installation and testing of the new beacon with a 1-year warranty and an additional 1-year preventive maintenance services.

All requirements under the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) latest edition of Advisory Circular 150/5345-12, "Specifications for Airport and Heliport Beacons" must be adhered to during the procurement and installation of this equipment. See Scope of Work (SOW) for specific details. The SOW and layout may be picked up at the CPA Administration Office at no cost. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, will be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package.

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

Proposers shall also with their proposal a statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project.

A site inspection will be conducted on **Friday, May 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in order to assess the condition and area and determine equipment and materials needed for the installation. Prospective proposers shall meet the Saipan Airport Manager, Mr. Edward B. Mendiola, at the beacon site at 9:00 a.m.

The contract period for procurement and installation will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of \$500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse by CPA.

All proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than **4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015.**

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to the Saipan Airport Manager at cpa.edmendiola@pticom.com.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ THOMAS P. VILLAGOMEZ  
Acting Board Chairman /Contracting Officer

Date: May 6, 2015

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Donations for earthquake victims in Nepal



Tinian Mayor JP San Nicolas presents a donation to the Nepal Tinian Society Inc.

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The Nepal Tinian Society Inc. is a social organization. Its major motto is to provide aid and help to its members and friends.

On April 25, 2015, a Sunday afternoon, Nepal was struck by a 7.9 magnitude earthquake that caused thousands of casualties, countless injuries and unimaginable loss of property among the people of Nepal.

The Nepal Tinian Society was able to collect \$11,033.56 in donations for the earthquake victims in Nepal.

This thanks especially goes to Honorable Mayor of Tinian Mr. JP San Nicolas and the entire staff of the mayor's office, as well as Mr. Phillip Mendiola Long, Ms. Arley G. Long, Ms. Mary Susan Cruz, Ms.

Connie M. Villagomez, Ms. Emily Kwon, Mr. Tom Liu, Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, Star Marianas, and entire donors of the Tinian people.

We would like to really express appreciation from the bottom of our hearts to the all supporters and donors of the

Tinian people.

The above stated donation amount has been handed over to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund of Nepal for the earthquake victims in Nepal.

**Bal Krishna Thapa Magar**  
Founder president of NTS

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'kayakivists' in harbour of Seattle, to the elders in the streets of Okinawa, the teachers in the school hall of Tinian, environmentalists in Alaska, lawyers in the Marshall Islands and the Pacific Warriors from across the region, international solidarity and activism is directly

challenging militarization and exploitation.

I aim to contribute to the resistance and offer my solidarity and support to stand up for scared lands. If you have any questions, comments, input or suggestions, I can be reached at Sylvia.Frain@postgrad.otago.ac.nz.

**Sylvia Frain**  
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# Former judge Robert Hefner passes away at 85

Former CNMI Superior Court presiding judge Robert Alan Hefner passed away peacefully on May 19, 2015, at his home in Port Orchard, Washington, after a long bout with cancer. He was 85.

Hefner served as the first chief judge (and, later, presiding judge) of the Northern Mariana Islands Trial Court (now the CNMI Superior Court) from 1978 until he retired from the bench in 1991. Before that, he had served for a number of years as an associate justice on the Trust Territory High Court, principally assigned to what was then the Palau Islands District (now the Republic of Palau). He was appointed to that judicial office by the U.S. Interior Secretary in the early '70s.

A veteran of the Korean War, Hefner attended UCLA as

an undergraduate and, subsequently, the UCLA Law School where he received his law degree in 1958. He practiced law in Southern California until he was appointed assistant attorney general and, later, attorney general for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

He was born in Los Angeles, California on May 24, 1929. He was predeceased by his loving wife Elizabeth (lovingly known to many of their friends as "Betty"), who passed away in 2002; their son, Robert Alan Hefner Jr. (who taught at Marianas High School), who passed away in 1995; and his parents, Earl and Igerma Hefner. He is survived by his only daughter, Coral Elizabeth Hefner McCartney and four lovely grandchildren: Kelly, Forest, Thurman, and Elizabeth.

Hefner loved the islands and

its people so much that he decided to devote most of his life in Micronesia. He had many friends and acquaintances in the CNMI, Palau, and throughout Micronesia. He presided over many of the high profile cases on the islands, including those dealing with the Compact of Free Association for the then-emerging Republic of Palau, as well as the first criminal jury trial in the Northern Marianas before self-government began for the CNMI.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held in his honor on June 27, 2015, at the McCormick Woods Clubhouse, at Port Orchard, Washington, from 1pm until 5pm. Food and refreshments will be served for those attending. There will also be an "open mike" available at the service for those who wish to reminisce and talk about his

life and recount their experiences with him in the islands and elsewhere.

For those planning to attend Judge Hefner's Memorial Service or to send messages of condolences, they may contact his daughter Coral Hefner McCartney at telephone number 360-876-5204 or her email address: coralsaipan@aol.com. Her residence address is: 6874 Kenfig Place S.W., Port Orchard, WA 98367.

For many of the attorneys who appeared before him, most will remember the following quotation at his desk in his chambers: "Are you here with the solution, or are you part of the problem?" Indeed, Hefner will be remembered for his role in resolving many of the legal problems in Micronesia during his many years of service on the bench. (PR)

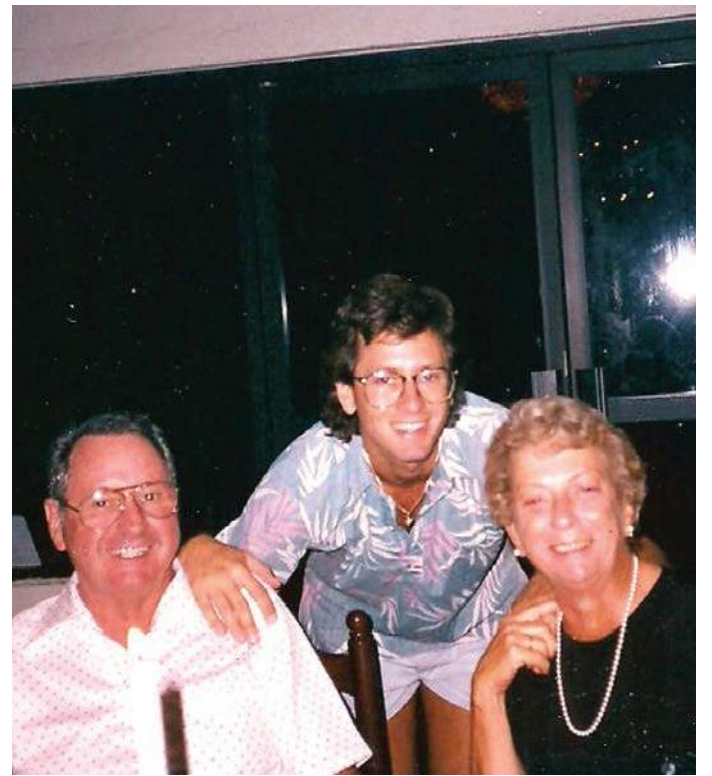


Photo shows former judge Robert Hefner, his son Robert Jr., and his wife Betty.

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS (DPL) COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI) GOVERNMENT

**RFP15-RED001**  
**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 19, 2015**

### "QUARRY OPERATOR ON PUBLIC LANDS"

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lieutenant Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the DPL is soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified quarry operators.

The RFP instruction and information package can be picked up at the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, during working hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Questions regarding this RFP must be received **no later than 4:30pm on Friday, May 29, 2015** and must be submitted in writing to Mr. Pedro A. Tenorio, Secretary of DPL at the following address:

**Department of Public Lands**  
**P.O. Box 500380**  
**Saipan, MP 96950**  
**2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building**  
**Telephone number(s): (670) 234-3751/52/53**  
**Facsimile number (670) 234-3755**  
**Email: [pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp](mailto:pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp)**

Sealed proposals must be marked **'RFP15-RED002" Quarry Operator**. One (1) original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the DPL at its address above **no later than 10:00am ChST, June 19, 2015**.

Interviews may be conducted with the top two (2) ranked firms to discuss the proposal submitted if DPL deems the two proposals to be similarly advantageous to DPL.

This RFP does not commit the CNMI or DPL to award a permit or pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal or attendance at meetings with CNMI or DPL. Failure to submit the required number of proposal copies or incomplete content and layout of proposal as stated in the information package may be cause for rejection or disqualification. DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposal and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if in its opinion would be in the best interests of the public land beneficiaries. All proposal shall become the sole property of the Department of Public Lands.

/s/ PEDRO A. TENORIO  
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# Propst to keynote MCS commencement exercises

Mount Carmel School announced that the keynote speaker for its 2015 high school commencement exercises will be Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) of the 19th CNMI Legislature's House of Representatives. The exercises are set for May 30 at 5pm at Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Propst is no stranger to Mount Carmel School, having attended first through ninth grade in the 1980s, and to which he attributes his educational foundation. After graduating from high school, he was selected as a Japan Airlines scholarship recipient to attend Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. Soon afterwards, he continued his postsecondary studies at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication.



Propst

After earning his degree, Propst returned to the CNMI, where he has distinguished himself in media communications, education, and public service. He got his start in media communications by serving as a media lab specialist in the University of Hawaii Communications Department, where he learned skills that

would help establish his reputation as one of the CNMI's top photographers. Propst also started one of the CNMI's first human interest magazines, *MP*, which was published by Titan Media Group, a company he launched in 2007. He also owns and operates Pacific Digital Media, which specializes in high-end photography and video production.

Propst has also distinguished himself as a champion for education, having worked with children from toddler ages up through the college level. From 1999 through 2002, he taught English at Marianas High School, where he also served as an adviser for National Honor Society and as a member of the school's Community Council. For four years after that, he led Northern Marianas College's

Office of Student Activities and Leadership as its director. He soon moved on to work as a program manager for the CNMI's Head Start Program from 2009 through 2014. Throughout that time, he still managed to volunteer at the Saipan House of Manhoben, serve as an adviser for Teen Talk, and lead Mount Carmel School's Parent Teacher Organization as its president.

As notable as he is for his involvement in media communications and education, most people in the CNMI know Propst for his commitment to public service, a commitment that began long before he ran for public office. As early as the 1990s, Propst was a member of various community organizations, including the CNMI State Rehabilitation Advisory

Council, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, and the Saipan Rotary Club. Since the turn of the millennium, Propst has been a leading voice for activism, change, and reform in government. This drive led him to run for public office in the 2014 elections, in which he garnered the second highest numbers of votes in his precinct.

Mount Carmel School's graduating seniors nominated Propst to be their commencement speaker, to which school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero immediately agreed. He said, "Mr. Propst is a true inspiration in our community who demonstrates many of the values that we uphold at the school: humility, hard work, integrity, and respect. Our graduating seniors will definitely learn from his example. We are honored that he has agreed to share some of his wisdom with our students." (MCS)

## Taimanao seeks DPW approval for infra projects

Rep. Francis S. Taimanao (Ind-Saipan) will seek approval from the Department of Public Works regarding several road-paving projects.

Taimanao said discussions have been conducted with Technical Services Division of the DPW on the scope of work.

The matter will then be forwarded to DPW Secretary James Ada for approval, given that he is the expenditure authority for these projects, Taimanao said.

He said he has pre-filed an appropriation of \$143,000 in bond funds from the Commonwealth Development Authority for the road paving projects in Kagman I, Phase I, and some in Phase II, if the funding request is approved.

Taimanao's bill earmarks the "associated interest" in bond funds for the years 2015 through 2020 for road paving and drainage system in Kannat Tabla and Kagman III, Phase II, III, and IV.

"In order to ensure that funding is committed to these projects we must have a consistent funding source so in that way all these concerns are addressed," he said.

Aside from the road paving, Taimanao said he and Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) also identified several designated speed bump locations needed for bus shelters throughout Kagman II and Kagman III. The bus shelters are in Kannat Tabla, San Vicente, and Kagman.

Another project, the restoration and repair of the Children's Playground in Kagman II, is also being discussed with DPW, Taimanao said. (Joel D. Pinaroc)

## 2015 CNMI TOURISM MONTH

*"Tourism is Everybody's Business"***Proclamation Signing**

April 29, 2015

Governor Eloy S. Inos will officially declare the month of May 2015 as CNMI Tourism Month with a formal proclamation signing ceremony at 9:30 a.m., at the Office of the Governor on Capitol Hill. The Marianas Visitors Authority and our industry partners invite the public to participate in the activities of the Tourism Month celebration.

**Tourism Industry Clean up Day**

April 29, 2015

Marianas Visitors Authority invites the community to join the Japan Saipan Travel Association and our other tourism partners to help beautify the Garapan tourism district in preparation for Japan's Golden Week holiday. The clean-up will be from 6:30-8:00 a.m., beginning at the American Memorial Park parking lot to Carolinian Affairs Office along the beaches and streets.

**"Hafa Adai Tirow" Spirit Island Wear Fridays**

Every Friday in May is Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit Island Wear day! Show your island pride and culture by wearing island attire or local traditional wear. Post your photos on Facebook at "My Marianas (Marianas Visitors Authority)."

**Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden**

This highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by 15 hotel and local restaurants. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. The event will feature nightly competitions, as well as trivia questions aimed at promoting tourism awareness.

**"My Marianas" Community Outreach Presentation**

Get up-to-date on the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this picturesque slideshow on Saturday evenings at the Taste of the Marianas.

**On-the-Street Interviews**

MVA turns the spotlight on you as random community members are given an opportunity to share their views on various tourism topics in the Tourism Topics feature of the Saipan Tribune.

**Radio Tourism Trivia**

Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win tokens for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month T-shirts. Tourism Trivia will air regularly throughout the month on Power 99 (97.5 FM), KZMI (103.9 FM) and KKMP (1440 AM and 92.1 FM).

**Tourist for a Day (Tinian)**

Pupils and students will be toured around the island as tourists bringing forth awareness of the importance of the only industry we have. The tour will include all major historical and cultural sites including beaches on the island while emphasizing on the value of maintaining such sites.



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# Kia'aina to confer with NMI leaders on workforce, economic dev't

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina will visit the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from May 31 to June 1, to meet with CNMI Gov. Eloy Inos and CNMI Department of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero and the CNMI Workforce Committee to discuss workforce development strategies. Kia'aina and CNMI leadership will also discuss topics such as immigration, climate change, military training, and economic development. Kia'aina will also meet with Northern Islands Mayor Jerome K. Aldan and Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas. While in the CNMI, the Assistant Secretary will also attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the capital improvement project to convert the former Puerto Rico Dump into public parkland.

"I commend Governor Inos and his team as well as my staff who have worked so hard for so long to get the Puerto Rico Dump project finally off the ground," said Kia'aina. "One of the largest capital improvement projects funded through the Office of Insular Affairs at over \$25 million, this site has taken its toll on the environment, the economy and, most importantly, the health of the community. I myself have known about this landfill since I was working for Congress; the dump was lower than the *tangan tangan* trees back then. I am honored to join you as we celebrate the closure

of this landfill and the opening of a beautiful park for the community to enjoy."

The ground-breaking at the Puerto Rico site on the north-western coast of Garapan marks the beginning of the first phase

## »Official to attend groundbreaking for Puerto Rico parkland conversion

of a multi-million federal grant to stabilize and seal the solid waste landfill in accordance with an agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the CNMI govern-

ment. Located adjacent to Able Dock and Saipan Harbor and bordered by Tanapag Lagoon, the site was used for the disposal of nonhazardous solid waste between 1950 and 2003. The conversion work will reduce

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# Chefs' Competition highlights final day of Taste

The 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden is saving the best for last when it hosts the 2015 Chefs' Competition tomorrow at the American Memorial Park.

The competition will pit the hotels' junior chefs against each other as they create the most delicious dishes in the cook-off.

Hyatt Regency Saipan is the defending champion this year after it topped 2013 winner Mariana Resort and Spa. More hotels are expected to join this year's tilt.

The Chefs' Competition has a different theme every year. Last year's was Mexican Beef Tacos.

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Northern Mariana Islands members always look forward to this competition to showcase their junior or senior chefs and their talents in creative displays and preparing delectable food.

Tomorrow's Taste of Marianas will start at 6pm with entertainment, 15 food concessionaires, and three beer garden vendors.

Entertainment includes Hopwood Full 4th, Marianas Ukelele, Saipan Music and Dance School, Hopwood Simiyan Nina'la, JJ Concepcion, TRU Marianas, and Alana la.

An awards ceremony will be held at 8pm and closing will be at 11pm.

Community members and visitors will also enjoy the new arts and crafts booth re-

cently added to the Taste of the Marianas that features island-

style wear, jewelry, hats, and many more.

The Taste of Marianas is part of the Marianas Visitors Au-

thority's celebration of Tourism Month. *(Jayson Camacho)*

## Center for Living Independently celebrates 10th anniversary today

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTING

The Center for Living Independently is urging the community to join them in their 10th anniversary celebration today at 10am at their office on Capital Hill. The CLI office is located near the Federal Credit Union Building and the CNMI Military and Veterans Affairs Office.

CLI executive director Lydia Igitol said there will be food and activities available for the community to enjoy.

"CLI is a model home for training people with disabilities on independent living skills. Our mission is to ensure the rights of people with disabilities to live independently and fully integrated within the community, outside of an institutional care setting," Igitol said.

Prior to its establishment, CLI started in 2001 as a satellite office for the Hawaii Center for Independent Living.

The CLI anniversary program will begin at 10am. Igitol noted that the governor will be present or a representative from

the Governor's Office will read his remarks.

CLI board vice president Jimmy Sablan will also be giving welcoming remarks.

A potluck luncheon will start at 10:50am.

Igitol said there will be a raffle drawing with many prizes at stake.

CLI collaborates with local entities to meet its five core programs. They are in partnership with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, Public School System, Northern

Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc., and CNMI Respite Care Program by the Ayuda Network.

"We encourage the community to join us and enjoy food, games, activities, and raffle drawings. ...Everyone is welcome," Igitol said.

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# 25 complete CWA's job search and hospitality training

Twenty-five members of the CNMI Women's Association participated in a two-day job search and hospitality certification course, under the leadership of Debra Inos, director for the CNMI Women's Association.

Members learned about the keys to a successful job search and that it takes considerable effort to launch a truly successful job search.

"You all have a job right now and that job is to get a job," said Jim Arenovski of Island Training Solutions, the instructor for the two-day event. "You are going to have to work hard to develop the skills to secure employment. Just like any skill, you will need to practice interviewing and the more you practice the better you will be and more likely to get job offers."

The course covered the importance of interviewing skills and the need to practice these skills until you are great at answering key interview questions comfortably and concisely, including a two-hour session on live interview techniques and the do's and don'ts of interviewing. Participants were provided tips and feedback on interviewing by Maureen Sebangiol of Island Training Solutions and Jill Arenovski of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

The course include lectures on communications and effective



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Members of the CNMI Women's Association after the interviewing sessions.

listening, goal setting and time management as well as customer service. These skills will help them be better prepared for answering questions in their interviews and when they enter the hospitality industry. Each member will get individual feedback on improving their résumés and the group will get two 1.5-hour follow up sessions to keep them on track.

One important section included communicating and getting the support from the family about the entering the job market. When looking for a job and when you eventually secure employment, discussions on how to plan transportation, caring for children and their activities, chores, and meals all have to be had to ensure long-term success.

The training had two professional women working in the industry as guest speakers.

Members were provided lunch and a tour of Kanoa Resort and discussion by General Manager Wendi Herring about her journey through the ranks in the hospitality business.

Vicky Benavente, executive assistant for the Pacific Island Club, opened the second day of

training, getting the group prepared to learn more about the opportunities and careers in the hotel and resort business.

Both speakers emphasized the importance of a positive attitude and the willingness to start at the bottom and work their way up.

The two-day session included lunch at Restaurant 360 and was capped by the teaching of

the American Hotel and Lodging Institutes Guest Service Gold program. The program teaches the softer skills needed to be a great hospitality employee, including initiative, anticipating customer needs, delighting the customer, follow through, empathy and going beyond the job description.

Each participant will get a certificate from Island Training Solution for the Job Search Skills class and those passing the GOLD certification exam will receive their certificate from the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute.

"This class helped me understand that looking for a job is more than just filling out applications and submitting résumés, said one participant. "I never really thought of going into the hotel business before, but this training opened my eyes and I now want to work in a hotel."

For more information about the CNMI Women's Association and its efforts to improve employability of the NMI residents, contact Debra Inos at 233-8978.

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each night at the Marianas High School Dolphin Theater. This is in the MHS main parking lot in the large blue metal building running parallel with Beach Road. The cost is \$15 for adult non-FOA members, \$12 for FOA members, and \$8 for students. Season ticket

holders and advertising sponsors have reserved seats.

A little bit of information about the play: It's interactive! You, the audience, will actually decide which way the action will go and, eventually, who killed Gordon Forrest.

In the play, the unpopular

Forrest is mysteriously murdered during a rehearsal of an old British thriller, *Three Doors to Death*. Plenty of people had good cause to wish him gone. Things will heat up when the homicide detective appears and, with you the audience to guide

him, has the murder re-enacted. Before deciding which direction the plot will go, you will be given clues, motives and suspects (the actors, director, cleaning woman—even the corpse!). You, the audience, get to decide, not only who the killer is, but

how the story will end. Will the killer go to jail or be allowed to escape (and what an escape it will be!)?

So come and enjoy the play. You can reserve seats by contacting Frank Gibson at [fgibson@yahoo.com](mailto:fgibson@yahoo.com). (FOA)

# Deep sea minerals community of practice for the Pacific

**APIA, Samoa**—The Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the European Union will establish a community of practice for Pacific Islands' policy officers and legislative drafters involved in deep sea minerals.

The new initiative is a key outcome of an intensive regional training workshop on deep

sea minerals policy formulation and legislative drafting hosted by the Government of Samoa and organized with SPC in Apia last week.

The virtual community of practitioners will usefully exchange practices, experiences, questions and challenges with regards to the develop-

ment and implementation of their deep sea mineral policies and legislation.

The Director of SPC's Geoscience Division, Professor Mike Petterson, said the initiative will enable policy officers and legislative drafters to share and discuss the future development of deep sea mineral regu-

latory frameworks, including the strengths and weaknesses in existing deep sea mineral policies and legislation, and to grasp whether there is a need for further development and changes.

"Additionally it will ensure that there's a better understanding of the needs and priorities of the Pacific region as a whole,

as well as the ability to identify possible areas of regional cooperation and information sharing for deep sea mineral activities," Petterson said.

The new virtual community will be facilitated through a blog or portal managed by SPC as part of its European Union-funded Deep Sea Minerals Project.

"The community of practice proposed within the project will enhance the governance of deep sea minerals in the region," the Ambassador of the European Union for the Pacific, Andrew Jacobs, said. "It is another effort to ensure that deep sea minerals in the Pacific are managed sustainably and we are supportive of such efforts."

Initiated in 2011, the project has been assisting Pacific Island

countries in accessing all available information and for those who wish to engage in deep sea mineral activities, by supporting informed governance in accordance with international law, with particular attention to the protection of the marine environment and securing equitable financial arrangements for the benefit of Pacific people.

As one of its key result areas, the project aims to assist Pacific Island countries in the formulation of national policy, legislation and regulations to ensure the responsible governance and careful management of deep sea mineral resources.

The workshop in Apia, Samoa, was attended by 70 participants from 13 Pacific Island countries. (SPC)

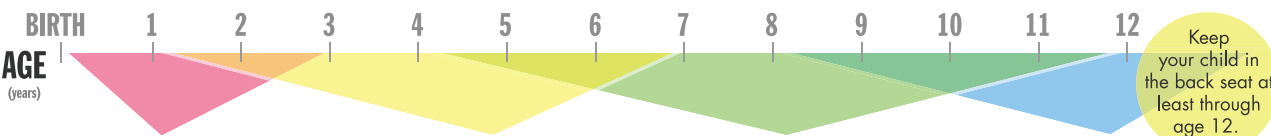
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- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.



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# MCS Theatre Club to hold another Kids Drama Camp

Due to popular demand, Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club will hold another Kids Drama Camp from June 22 through July 31. Open to all kids ages 6 and above, the camp will help participants appreciate the performing arts by studying concepts and skills in theatre which they will then apply toward a production of a children's play at the end of the camp.

Set to run each weekday from 8am to 4pm at the school, the Kids Drama Camp will help kids learn more about many aspects of the performing arts, including how to perform on stage, how to run the back stage, and how to prepare for a production. Kids in the camp will also learn and enjoy numerous theatre games and activities that will help them overcome stage

fright, grow closer together as an acting troupe, and become young budding dramatists. The camp will culminate with a public show on July 31.

"Last year's drama camp was a huge success, so we decided to run it yet again this summer," said school president and Theatre Club adviser Galvin Deleon Guerrero. "Our Theatre Club has staged numerous Shakespeare and Disney productions, so this camp will help us share our love of both traditions with kids from around the island. It'll be fun!"

Since its inception in 1996, the school's Theatre Club has staged 38 productions, including 11 by Shakespeare and five by Disney. To draw on this experience, current and veteran members of the club have been tapped to run the camp as camp



Camp participants and counselors gather for a final group portrait at the conclusion of Mount Carmel School's 2014 Summer Kids Drama Camp.

## 5 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged five Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Tanapag Meeting Hall, Samoa Housing, Hafa Adai drainage, San Jose Beach, and the Grotto Cave.

Samples collected from these locations contained ex-

cessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.


DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**

leaders and camp counselors. The club will also draw from vast theatrical resources it has accumulated over the years for

use in the drama camp. The camp will cost only \$300 for the whole six-week program, but is limited to 30 children, so

interested parents are encouraged to reserve slots for their children as soon as possible. To register or for more informa-

tion, call 234-6184 or visit [www.mountcarmelsaipan.com](http://www.mountcarmelsaipan.com). The deadline to register is Friday, June 12. **(MCS)**



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#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

**DATA SYSTEMS ANALYST**  
Office of the Clerk of Court  
Superior Court  
SAIPAN

**DUTIES:** This position is under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge and the direct supervision of the Clerk of Court or his/her designee. The employee performs work in accordance with established policies, practices, and court procedures. The following are required duties:

- Performs the full range of data entry and database contents review for pre- and post-judgment services in civil, criminal, traffic, small claims, and family court dockets;
- Compiles data from various sources including court databases, periodic reports, surveys, and performance tool reviews from the Judges' chambers, Family Court Division, Administrative Support Units, the Marshal Service Division, and the Offices of the Clerks of Court and Adult Probation Supervision;
- Reviews data compilation reports and trends and assists with the determination of analysis and interpretation outcomes;
- Performs credibility reviews to assess data quality, verification and update, including review of standard data audit components like computer entry processes, user practices, reporting templates, screen formats, and initial source verification documents;
- Identifies, interprets, and reports patterns and trends from data collection and/or audits;
- Responds to general inquiries regarding data verification and reporting for the Superior Court and assist with data integration processes with affected divisions or authorized agencies;
- Coordinates and assists the Clerk of Court with special projects requiring court statistics or reports;
- Adheres to and complies with all promulgated policies, standards, and codes of ethical conduct; and
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** The Data Systems Analyst should have an associate's degree from an accredited U.S. university or college or 2 years of equivalent experience. The incumbent must also have at least four (4) years experience in the legal or administrative field. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI.


**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This is an ungraded position appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. The salary will be \$25,000 annually.

**INTERESTED PERSONS** may obtain application forms at OPM offices in the CNMI, the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

**Human Resources**  
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**PROBATION OFFICER I**

**DUTIES:** The successful candidate will work under the Chief Probation Officer in the Office of Adult Probation on Saipan which involves investigating, monitoring and/or supervising various levels and types of offenders' court ordered probation. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Performs all assigned duties relating to probationers' cases scheduled for court hearings;
- Investigates thoroughly offenders' personal history, background and environment;
- Gathers and evaluates data pertinent to individual cases from resource areas like the offenders' home, school, church, social agencies, neighborhood contacts, etc.
- Conducts interviews with probationers according to approved techniques in order to determine and clarify probationers' problems, and consulting with the supervisor as necessary, suggests constructive methods for dealing with such problems;
- Contacts public and private community agencies to secure their aid in solving probationers' problems. Maintains a continuing and ongoing relationship with the agencies as necessary;
- Documents facts and testifies in Court with respect to the Probationers' activities, behavior, and quality of adjustment while under supervision;
- Appears in Court for the purpose of providing testimony on Probation cases;
- Enforces Court Orders involving Probation cases;
- Attends public relations activities, conferences and field visits in connection with investigation and supervision functions; and
- Performs other law enforcement and public safety related duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:** Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent and have obtained a bachelors degree from a recognized college or university. Have three (3) years experience in legal, law enforcement and/or court work. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.

**COMPENSATION AND TENURE:** This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. Salary range: \$20,485 - \$24,889.35 depending on experience and qualification.

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# Off The Wall

## 3 burglars share tips of trade in crime prevention video

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Police looking to educate the public about ways to prevent break-ins turned to the experts—a trio of convicted burglars.

The Columbus Police Department recruited the inmates with the help of the state prisons agency and produced a YouTube video in which the offend-



Taylor



Hamlin



Coffman

ers share their how-to tips. Most of the suggestions are common-sense warnings about locking up, keeping blinds drawn and not storing valuables in cars.

A few recommendations stand out for originality: “Sometimes set it off so people know it’s there. Don’t just buy it and never set it off.” That’s William Coff-

man, of Franklin County, serving time for burglary and aggravated robbery, on advertising that your home alarm system works.

Or Hardin County burglar Joel Hamlin on the importance of putting valuables in a wall safe, not a small portable safe: “Little safes? You can easily just grab that and take it on out,” he said.

consultants aren’t new. In 1985, reformed burglar Ray Johnson published “Ray Johnson’s Total Security: How You can Protect Yourself Against Crime.”

In 2002, the Leonardo DiCaprio movie “Catch Me If You Can” told the real-life story of check forger Frank Abagnale Jr., who impersonated an airline pilot, a doctor and a lawyer before going to prison and then becoming an FBI consultant.

## Illinois couple welcomes their 100th grandchild



In this April 17, 2015 photo, Leo and Ruth Zanger sit with their 100th grandchild, Jaxton Zanger, in Leo's real estate office in Quincy, Ill. Jaxton was born April 8 to parents Austin and Ashleigh Zanger.

QUINCY, Ill. (AP)—A western Illinois couple recently celebrated the birth of their 100th grandchild.

Leo and Ruth Zanger of Quincy have 53 grandchildren,

46 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. The birth of great-grandson Jaxton Leo on April 8 made the number 100.

Leo Zanger tells The Quincy Herald-Whig that “the good Lord has just kept sending them.” He says his family “could start our own town.” Ruth Zanger says “there’s always room for one more.”

The Zangers have been married 59 years and have 12 children. The youngest, 31-year-old Joe, was already an uncle 10 times when he was born.

Most of the family lives in the Quincy area. When they get together they rent a church hall and it takes 50 pounds of ham or ten turkeys to feed everyone.

Or Adam Taylor, of Hamilton County, on why the elderly are often targeted: It’s easier “to burglarize them and get away with it.”

Columbus police and the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction filmed the inmates last year, put the pieces together over the past few months and recently posted the two-part, 24-minute video, called “From the Big House to Your House.”

Police Cmdr. Bob Meader likens the impact to a child tuning out advice from a parent but heeding the same tips from a teacher or coach.

“For the police to say, ‘Lock your doors, keep your garage door shut, leave the lights on on your porch,’ is one thing,” Meader said. “When you’re hearing it from somebody that actually did it for a living? I think it adds some validity to it.”

Criminals-turned-anti-crime

In the case of the three Ohio burglars, they agreed to cooperate in exchange for a letter to the parole board from Columbus police about their participation.

The exercise seemed to help the men process the impact they had on their communities, said Officer Norm Russell, who came up with the idea.

Hardin County prosecutor Bradford Bailey recalled Hamlin as a brazen addict who broke into wealthy people’s homes in broad daylight. Charging documents from the day Hamlin was arrested describe him going house to house in February 2006 before fleeing from officers, tossing a bag into a river and throwing away other items as he ran.

Bailey isn’t bothered by Hamlin’s role in the video.

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

**Man acquitted of animal cruelty for blowing pot smoke**

CHICAGO (AP)—A judge has acquitted a Chicago man of animal cruelty charges filed after the man posted a video of himself smoking marijuana with a chameleon. After viewing the video and hearing the

arguments of prosecutors and defense attorneys, Cook County Circuit Judge Robert Kuzas ruled Wednesday that Bruce Blunt’s behavior was “uncalled for and immature” but didn’t rise to criminal behavior. Blunt posted a Facebook video of himself smoking marijuana with the chameleon,

Binna, earlier this year. That prompted a complaint from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. After his acquittal, Blunt said he blew smoke into the chameleon’s mouth because it seemed to calm the aggressive reptile. The Chicago Tribune reports Blunt said he hopes to get the chameleon back from Chicago Animal Care and Control.

In Loving Memory of

Alberto Palabay Ramos

September 25, 1934 – May 18, 2015

His memories will forever live in the hearts of His:

Wife: Helen M. Ramos

Children: Lindsey M. Ramos

Eileen M. Ramos

He will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2015. His remains will lie in state at Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel beginning at 8:00am to 10:00am.

Interment service will take place at Santuario Pax Memorial Gardens-Resurrection Circle, Kagman, Saipan.

Thank You - Salamat Po.

Helen M. Ramos

The Family

Message of Appreciation

We, the Wife, Children and families of

†Augustin Tudela Castro

Better known as “Gus/Ting”

Would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to our relatives and friends who surrounded us with their love, prayers, kindness and support.

Your thoughtful gesture and kind words have consoled our hearts beyond our expectation in such difficult times. Your presence at the nightly mass and most especially at the mass of Christian burial was very comforting.

We will always remember you in our hearts and prayers.

May God Bless You All.

Thank you very much and Si Yu’us Ma’ase.

From the Wife, Children & Family

**Oh, brother: Twins charged with hurling bricks at each other**

ORANGE CITY, Fla. (AP)—What are a few bricks between brothers? Well, they’re worth battery charges for twin 52-year-olds after officials say an argument ended with them hurling the projectiles at each other. The Daytona Beach News-Journal reports that Michael and James Remelius were arguing in the front yard of a home last week when Michael first threatened to throw a brick at his brother. According to a police report, Michael Remelius followed through, striking his brother in the leg and causing a small cut. James Remelius retaliated with a brick that bloodied and bruised his brother’s eye. Both were arrested and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Both remained jailed Tuesday. James’ bail is \$25,000 while Michael’s is \$20,000. Court records show they do not yet have attorneys to comment on the case.



IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

# Lance Corporal †Stephen Austin “Silayoong” Romolor Litulumar

*Lovingly Known as “Sly”*

September 29, 1993 – May 17, 2015

***In His New life, He now joins his:***

**Grandparents:** †Enrique Matagolai Litulumar

†Esteban Iginoef Limes

**Godmother:** †Dolores Romolor Lisua

†Lisa Limes Litulumar

***His memories will forever live in the hearts of His:***

**Grandparents:** Theodora Romolor Litulumar

Angelina Peter Limes

**Parents:** Mercedes Romolor Litulumar

Tobias K. Aldan Jr.

**Father:** Stephen Peter Limes

**Brothers:** Sammy Lee Litulumar

Scottie Litulumar

**Sister:** Gretha Leigh Litulumar

**Special Friend:** Remy Ada Tenorio

**Godparents:** Leonard Ordonez

Elizabeth Kirby Kaipat

Emery L. Kaipat

Edson R. Limes

***He will also be missed by his numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.***

Mass of Intentions for the repose of His soul are being celebrated daily at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00 a.m. Holy Rosary is being prayed at their residence at Sugar King Estate at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held beginning on Monday, June 01, 2015. His remains will be escorted at 3:00 pm from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel to their residence at Sugar King Estates, Upper Garapan. Responso Service will be place at 4:00 pm. and will lie in state for the duration of the afternoon. Holy Rosary will be prayed at 7:30 pm followed by an overnight wake/ bela.

On Tuesday morning his remains will be taken to Kristo Rai Church at 8:30 am for public viewing and visitation until 10:30 am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by Interment Service at the CNMI Veteran's Cemetery in Marpi, Saipan where he will be given full military honors and will be at a peaceful rest.

Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase - Olomwaay  
Please join us in prayers,

**Mercedes Romolor Litulumar**

*The Family*





# Life & Style

## Molestation claim against Michael Jackson’s estate dismissed

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A choreographer who accused Michael Jackson of years of molestation cannot pursue his allegations against the singer’s estate because he waited too long to file the legal action, a judge ruled.

Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff wrote in his ruling Tuesday that Wade Robson’s claim is untimely and should be dismissed.

Robson had previously denied the pop superstar molested him and testified in Jack-

son’s defense at the singer’s criminal trial in 2005. Robson also spoke favorably about Jackson after the singer’s death in 2009.

However, Robson sued Jackson’s estate in May 2013 over the molestation allegations.

Attorneys for Robson said Jackson molested him over a seven-year period. Attorneys for Jackson’s estate have denied the allegations.

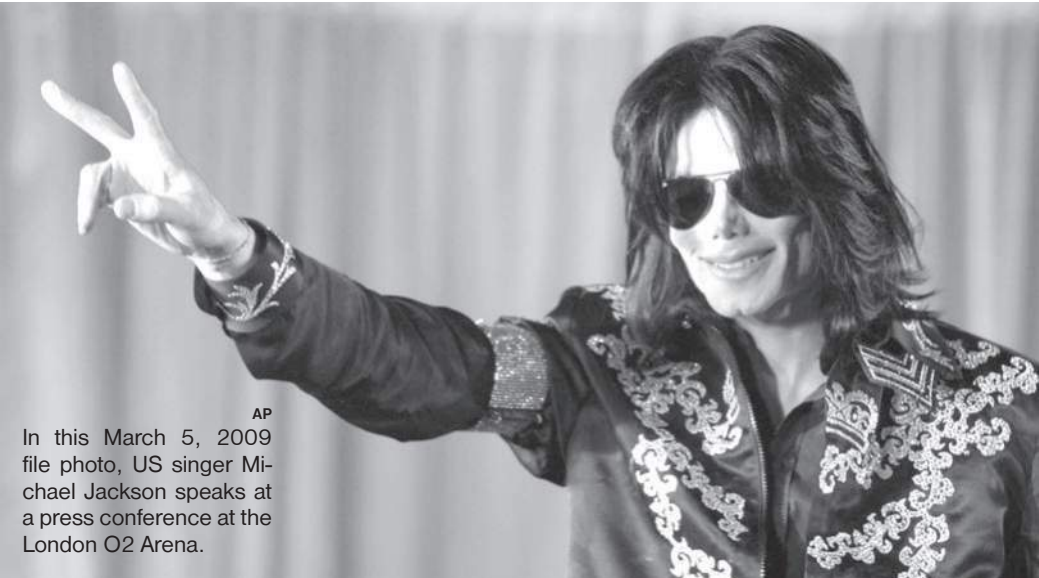
Robson’s attorney Maryann Marzano wrote in a statement

that Beckloff’s ruling will be appealed, and the molestation claim will be pursued against Jackson’s business entities.

Jackson estate attorney Howard Weitzman praised the ruling and noted Robson’s previous testimony about Jackson.

“Mr. Robson testified under oath in a courtroom that Michael never did anything improper with him,” Weitzman wrote in an email.

Marzano, however, wrote that her client was incapable of filing his legal action any



AP  
In this March 5, 2009 file photo, US singer Michael Jackson speaks at a press conference at the London O2 Arena.

sooner due to psychological damage he suffered. She also noted that Beckloff’s ruling did not make any determina-

tion about whether Robson’s allegations were factual.

“We are confident that when all the facts are presented in

civil court, there will be no doubt left about just what kind of sexual predator Jackson was,” Marzano wrote.



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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES**  
**FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CAR RENTAL BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-13**  
The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the expansion of the car rental building at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.  
The project is being funded by CPA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.  
The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wrprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, June 5, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.  
At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:  
1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (25 points);  
2. A/E Design experience related to airport improvement projects – (25 points);  
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with airport projects – (15 points);  
4. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);  
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time – (10 points); and  
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).  
Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., June 19, 2015. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.  
Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.  
An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.  
All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.  
The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.  
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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES**  
**SAIPAN HARBOR MASTER PLAN PROJECT NO. CPA-SS-001-15**  
The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.  
These services are being funded by CPA. The service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.  
The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package will be available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wrprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, June 12, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.  
At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:  
1. Similar work experience in harbor master planning, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, environmental review and permitting – (25 points)  
2. Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points)  
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects – (15 points);  
4. The general reputation of the consultant in terms of quality of work experience and services performed for projects, and the consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);  
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time – (10 points); and  
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).  
Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 29, 2015. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.  
Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.  
An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.  
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**PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE TRACTOR MOWER TO ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA**  
**INVITATION FOR BID CPA-IFB -006-15**  
The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting bids for the procurement and delivery of one Tractor Mower for the Benjamin T. Manglona, Rota International Airport.  
The Bid Package is available beginning May 22nd, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.  
All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Bid: Tractor/Mower for the Rota International Airport-CPA-IFB-006-15. CONFIDENTIAL"  
One (1) original and two (2) copies of the bid must be received at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor-Arrivals Building, Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, Friday, June 26, 2015. Bids will be opened at 3:00 P.M., June 26, 2015 at the CPA Conference Room, 2nd Floor – Departures Building.  
Questions and/or clarifications regarding this IFB, the Tractor Mower and its Specifications shall be in writing and emailed to [atudela@cpa.gov.mp](mailto:atudela@cpa.gov.mp) (Alex Tudela/Procurement Officer) no later than June 22, 2015. Any question or clarification will not be entertained after June 22, 2015. Answers to questions and/or clarifications will be provided to each vendor or individual receiving a bid package.  
Bids received after the above closing date and time of this Invitation for Bid will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all bids if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.  
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These services are being funded by CPA. The service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.  
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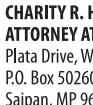
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The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package will be available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wrprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, June 12, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.  
At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:  
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**Attorney for Petitioner Pressciardo Camacho.**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF**  
**ELSIE LYNN CEPEDA FEJERAN,**  
**Deceased.**  
Civil Action No. 15-0099  
**NOTICE OF HEARING and NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Date: June 23, 2015  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Judge: Honorable David A. Wiseman  
**TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENTS OR OF THEIR ESTATE**  
Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Pressciardo Camacho has filed a Petition For Letters of Administration in the above-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to Rule NMI R. of Prob. P. 15.  
A hearing on the petition and motion will be conducted by the Court on **June 23, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.** in Courtroom 223, Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.  
Pursuant to NMI R. of Prob. P. 21, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or her Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Attorney Jennifer Dockter at the above indicated address.  
Reference is hereby made to the petition for further particulars.  
SO NOTICED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.  
/s/ JENNIFER DOCKTER (F0465)  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**  
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**Petition for the**  
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**Baay Travilla,**  
**Minor Child,**  
**By:**  
**Annie Rose**  
**Ocol Zandeuta**  
**and Anthony Mario**  
**Mendiola Reyes III,**  
**Petitioners.**  
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**CIVIL ACTION**  
**NO. 15-0250**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP**  
**Date: June 18, 2015**  
**Time: 10:30 a.m.**  
**Judge: Kenneth L. Govendo**  
Notice is hereby given that on **18th day of June, 2015, at 10:30 am** the Court shall hold a hearing on Petitioner's Petition for Appointment of Legal Guardianship on the date and time stated above before Judge Govendo at the CNMI Superior Court, Guma Hustisia/limwal Aweewe/House of Justice, Susupe Saipan.  
/s/ CLERK OF COURT



# Tracy Morgan settles suit with Wal-Mart over fatal crash

**NEWARK, N.J.** (AP)—Actor-comedian Tracy Morgan has settled his lawsuit against Wal-Mart over a highway crash that killed one man and left Morgan and two friends seriously injured.

Morgan's lawyer, Benedict Morelli, said he and Walmart worked diligently to reach the settlement for the plaintiffs and their families.

"Walmart took full responsibility for the accident, which we greatly appreciate," he said Wednesday in a statement.

In the same statement, Morgan said Wal-Mart "did right by me and my family, and for my associates and their families. I am grateful that the case was

resolved amicably."

Bentonville, Arkansas-based Wal-Mart Stores Inc. called it an "amicable settlement."

A filing in federal court in Newark referred to a confidential settlement reached by the two sides, and details weren't disclosed.

A Wal-Mart truck slammed into the back of a limo van carrying Morgan and the others back from a show in Delaware last June. Comedian James "Jimmy Mack" McNair was killed. Morgan suffered head trauma, a broken leg and broken ribs and is still recovering.



Morgan

Wal-Mart reached a settlement with McNair's two children in January. McNair, of Peekskill, New York, grew up with Morgan in New York City and was a friend and mentor to him over the years.

Wal-Mart had said earlier this year it was working toward settlements with the victims of the crash.

"We know there is nothing we can do to change what happened to Mr. McNair," company spokeswoman Brooke Buchanan said in January. "We're committed to doing what's right."

## Prosecutor has no concerns about Lohan community service

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A prosecutor said Wednesday it appears Lindsay Lohan has completed more than 100 hours of community service, the final term of her sentence in a 2012 reckless driving case.

Santa Monica Chief Deputy City Attorney Terry White said he does not have any concerns about Lohan's work in recent weeks with groups in New York.

"It looks like she's completed her hours," White said.

His comments came one day before Lohan's lawyer is scheduled to update a judge on the actress' progress.

The "Mean Girls" star is

under a deadline to complete more than 100 hours of community service by Thursday's court hearing. A judge could end her probation in the case, filed after Lohan crashed on Pacific Coast Highway while on the way to a film shoot in 2012.

At a May 7 court hearing, Lohan still had 115 hours of work left. That prompted Superior Court Judge Mark Young to warn that there would be consequences if the actress missed another deadline.

Lohan, 28, was ordered to redo 125 hours of service after White objected to her work in London, citing credit she received for meeting with fans of

a stage production of "Speed-the-Plow." Lohan received credit for some of her work on the show, despite being assigned to a charity for underprivileged children and disabled adults.

If the judge ends Lohan's case, it will be the first time in nearly eight years she has not been on probation in Los Angeles.

Lohan was first placed on probation in August 2007 after she was charged with driving under the influence and drug charges after two arrests earlier that year. She failed to complete the terms of that case, prompting judges to sentence her to rehab, jail and morgue duty.

## U2's longtime tour manager, Dennis Sheehan, found dead

**NEW YORK** (AP)—For more than three decades, U2's beloved tour manager, Dennis Sheehan, kept the band running on time. Sheehan died early Wednesday, just a few hours after U2 kicked off its latest tour. But promoters vowed the shows would go on in his memory, and they'd be on schedule.

"Dennis always got the band on stage, pretty much on time. We're going to make sure we do that tonight, in his memory," Live Nation's Arthur Fogel said Wednesday. "It is absolutely

what he would have wanted."

Sheehan, in his late 60s, died at a Sunset Strip hotel in West Hollywood on Wednesday, a day after the band kicked off a five-night stint in the Los Angeles area.

U2 frontman Bono posted a statement on the band's website in honor of Sheehan.

"We've lost a family member, we're still taking it in," Bono wrote. "He wasn't just a legend in the music business, he was a legend in our band. He is irreplaceable."

Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Chris Reade said first responders were called around 5:30 a.m. to reports of a man in cardiac arrest. Sheehan was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Irish quartet brought its "Innocence & Experience" tour to the Forum in Inglewood on Tuesday, the first of five nights in the Los Angeles area.

"With profound sadness we confirm that Dennis Sheehan, U2's longstanding tour manager and dear friend to us all has passed away," Fogel said.

## Natalie Portman urges new Harvard graduates to take chances

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.** (AP)—Natalie Portman advised graduating Harvard seniors Wednesday to use their inexperience to their advantage, saying she has learned that taking calculated risks can lead to life-changing rewards.

The Academy Award-winning actress, speaking at Harvard College's Class Day, cited her work in "Black Swan" as an example of a time she didn't know her own limitations—and it paid off.

Portman, who won an Oscar for best actress in the 2010 film, said she might not have taken the role if she had known how "woefully unprepared" she was to pull off the movie's ballet moves.

"The point is, if I had known my own limitations, I never would have taken the risk," she said. "And the risk led to one of my greatest personal and professional achievements."

The 33-year-old actress also met her husband, choreographer Benjamin Millepied, on the set of the movie.



Actress Natalie Portman addresses an audience during Harvard College's Class Day, Wednesday, May 27, 2015, on the campus of Harvard University, in Cambridge, Mass.

## Citing illness, Suge Knight refuses to leave cell for court

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—A judge stopped short of ordering Marion "Suge" Knight forcibly removed from his jail cell Wednesday after the rap music mogul said he was sick and refused to go to court for a hearing in his robbery case.

Los Angeles Superior Court Ronald S. Coen said Knight told deputies he was too ill to leave his downtown LA jail cell. Coen said he did not order deputies to forcibly remove Knight because the Death Row Records co-founder has a hearing in his murder case Friday.

Instead, the judge delayed Wednesday's proceedings to

coincide with that hearing.

But Coen said he would take a harder line with Knight, who is charged along with comedian Katt Williams with stealing a photographer's camera. In the separate case, Knight is accused of running over two men with his pickup truck, killing one and seriously injuring the other.

"No one refuses to come to my court," Coen told a prosecutor and an attorney for Williams.

Knight's court appearances have been marked by frequent medical episodes, occasional outbursts and shake-ups to his legal team.

On Wednesday, Coen apolo-

gized to Williams' lawyer Shawn Holley for making her return to court Friday for a scheduling hearing.

"I can't afford to play any games" with Knight, Coen said.

Knight fired his lawyer in the robbery case at a previous hearing, and has not yet hired a new one. Coen said he would appoint an attorney for Knight if he didn't have one by Friday.

Knight and Williams have pleaded not guilty to taking the photographer's camera in Beverly Hills in September, just days after Knight was wounded in a nightclub shooting.

Knight also has pleaded not guilty in the murder case, which was filed after he ran over two men outside a Compton burger stand in January.



Knight

## Politics served with profanity makes dinner hard to swallow

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister-in-law and her live-in boyfriend, "Bud," get together with us for dinner and outings. We enjoy each other's company, but over the last couple of years he has been making disparaging remarks on the subject of politics. We do not belong to the same political party, and his remarks make our blood boil.

Bud knows we belong to the other party, but continues his barrage peppered with profanity. It's impossible to have an intelligent debate with him before the cursing starts spewing out. A difference of opinion is tolerated, but when it's laced with profanity it becomes hard to swallow. My husband feels the same way.

I would tell Bud to head south as far as he can go, were it not for my sister-in-law's feelings. (She's pretty close to my husband.) I thought it better not to say anything during these dressing-downs, but I don't know how much longer I can keep my mouth shut without blasting him. How should I handle this?

READY TO BLOW IN IDAHO

**DEAR READY TO BLOW:** You and your husband should pick up the phone and call your sister-in-law. Tell her that as much as you love her and Bud, the political discussions have

gotten out of hand, and therefore, there will be NO MORE discussions about politics when you get together. Period. If Bud starts in, your husband should not take the bait. You are both to say, "We'll never agree on this, so let's change the subject."

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**DEAR ABBY:** After 12 years of marriage, my husband and I finally have our first child, a little girl. Yes, I was very happy to have a child on the way, but I was also very depressed. My OB/GYN had to put me on anti-depression medication for it. I felt that only family should know and, while I was pregnant, my husband went along with it.

But now, if someone asks about my pregnancy or jokes about us having a second child, he will tell them he's not sure because during my pregnancy I was depressed. When I ask him please not to tell people about it, he says, "Why not? You have nothing to be ashamed of." How can I get him to understand that for me, it's not about shame but PRIVACY?

NEW MOM IN LOUISIANA

**DEAR NEW MOM:** While I agree that depression is nothing to be ashamed of, I also agree with you that some things

## DEAR ABBY

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should be kept private—and your medical history is one of them. Perhaps your husband would understand if you analogize it with a man using Viagra. While he might use the little blue pill with abandon, many men would prefer folks to assume they didn't need the pharmaceutical assistance.

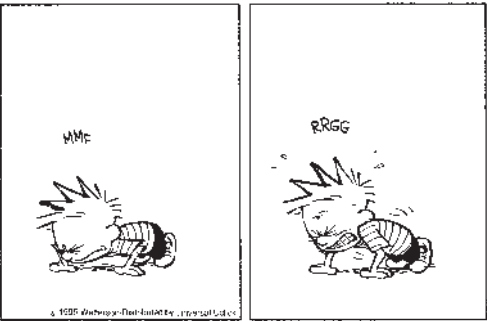
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Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



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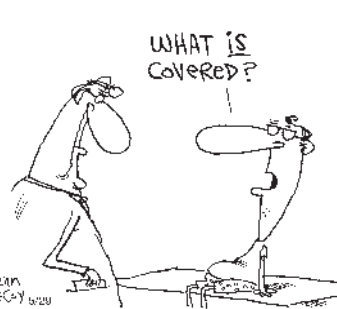
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14 Burden

15 Muse of heroic poetry

17 Ilk

18 Unctuous

19 Fine mate?

20 Bender

22 Author Bellow

24 Jackie Paper's pal

25 Nymph changed into Ursa Major

29 Outback bird

30 Bad investment, maybe

31 Tend the lawn

32 "Minnie the Moocher" singer

34 Hot dog holder

35 "— Lang Syne"

36 Combines resources

37 Cancel out

40 Right on the map?

41 Way out, maybe

42 Dirty Harry's last name

46 Initial stake

47 Church section

48 Caustic solution

49 Repast

50 Oboist's sliver

51 Ever-green variety

1 Moment

2 —

3 Khan

4 Multi-colored

5 "Hi, sailor!"

6 Space

7 Shock partner

8 Base

9 Quarter, e.g.

10 Full house or flush

11 Vortex

16 Willingly, once

19 As called for

20 Detail, for short

21 Cougar

22 Dieter's entree

23 Friend

25 Part of a Batsuit

26 Without interruption

27 Turnpike fee

28 They give a hoot

30 Out of bounds

33 Crown of honor

34 Parks of civil rights fame

36 Lost ruddiness

37 Leading man?

38 Zilch

39 Part of N.B.

40 Other-wise

42 Ford or Lincoln

43 Mimic

44 Nay under

45 Fresh

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-29

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mel-anie Brown, 40; Rupert Everett, 56; Annette Ben-ing, 57; LaToya Jackson, 59.

**Happy Birthday:** Don't pretend. Believe in yourself and what you have to offer. You'll do better than you anticipate if you stick to what you know and keep working hard. Be proud and move forward with confidence and you will reach the destination that will bring you the high-est returns. Don't let negativity or poor behavior hold you back or bring you down. Your numbers are 9, 12, 24, 29, 34, 42, 46.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Refuse to let emotional stress cause you to make a poor decision. Back away and let things settle before you make promises or sign papers. Haste will lead to waste and regret. Concentrate on bringing money in, not on spending it. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Someone will give you the wrong impression. Question the motives behind an offer. Look for ways to make personal improvements within your budget. Romance will improve your personal life and brighten your future. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't give in to someone's emotional manipulation. Stand tall, communicate honestly and move in whatever direction suits you best. Ex-plore job prospects and you will get ahead pro-fessionally and make financial gains. Strategize and follow through. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't let anyone at home get your dander up. Be diplomatic and you will avoid an argu-

ment. An idea you have should be fleshed out and presented to someone you can count on for support. ★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Talk to anyone who can offer insight into something you want to pursue. A trend that interests you is on target. Develop and promote what you believe in, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Do your own research before you commence. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Do things for yourself and you won't be disap-pointed. A positive frame of mind will be all it takes to get your ideas started. Don't offer too much information or time to someone who tends to take advantage of you. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Push to get everything done so you can have some fun with friends or family. A trip, confer-ence or event that interests you will open your eyes to all sorts of new possibilities. Embrace change, and accept that sometimes it's better to move on. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You can wheel and deal as long as you stay in control. Money can be made and con-tracts signed. Simplicity will be the key to getting things done and staying within budget. Practical ideas will bring the best results. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** The more outgoing you are, the more attention and support you will attract. Make altera-tions to the way you live and to the relationships you cherish. A new beginning will take you by sur-prise and lead to an interesting journey. ★★★★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will face obstacles if you pressure others. Take care of your responsibilities and stay out of everyone's way. Don't let criticism set you off. Avoiding a confrontation will give you a chance to rethink your strategy. ★★



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Get things done at home. Put money and muscle into improving your surround-ings. Evaluate proposals and negotiate on your own behalf. You will come out ahead if you have suggestions and solutions to offer. ★★★★★



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't as-sume that everyone is being honest with you. Get the lowdown on a situation firsthand before you get involved in something that sounds uncertain. Make time for romance late in the day. Strive to never become bitter. ★★★

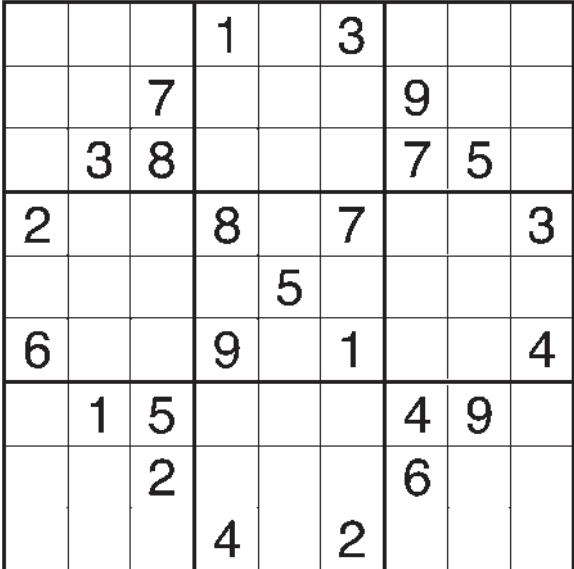
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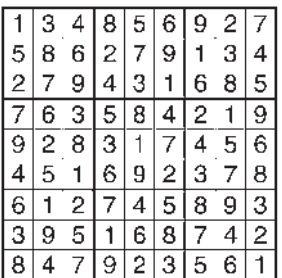


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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Warriors eliminate Rockets, end 40-year NBA Finals drought



**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)—After a generation of wishing and waiting, the Golden State Warriors have finally arrived on basketball's biggest stage again.

Stephen Curry had 26 points and eight rebounds, Harrison Barnes added 24 points and the Warriors advanced to the NBA Finals for the first time in 40 years with a 104-90 victory over the Houston Rockets on Wednesday night.

"Why not us?" Curry said to a roaring, golden-yellow shirt wearing crowd after the Warriors received the Western Conference trophy from Alvin Attles, the coach of their last championship team in 1975.

"The Bay Area's been waiting for 40 years," Curry said later. "I think it's time."

The Warriors shook off a slow start and sweated out a shaky finish in Game 5 to close out the Rockets and set up a matchup with LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers beginning June 4.

It was hardly the prettiest performance—but one they'll savor nonetheless.

Yellow streams and confetti fell from the rafters when the final buzzer sounded. The Warriors shared hugs and handshakes, and the crowd chanted "M-V-P!" for Curry.

He relished the moment on the court with his 2-year-old daughter, Riley, who joined him in his postgame news conference—laughing, playfully interrupting him and walking around the room again.

"I think she's taking advantage of the moment for sure," Curry quipped.

Dwight Howard led Houston with 18 points and 16 rebounds. But MVP runner-up James Harden had a forgettable finale, with a playoff-record 13 turnovers and 14 points on 2-of-11 shooting.

"Tried to do a little bit too much and turned the ball over and gave them easy baskets in transition," Harden said. "This isn't where we wanted to end at. It's a really good season for us. Next year we want to be better, and we will."

It was a tough way for the Rockets' run to end. They overcame a knee injury that sidelined Howard half the season to finish second in the West, played without starters Patrick Beverley and Donatas Motiejunas in the playoffs and rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat the Los Angeles Clippers in the second round.

The Warriors were one obstacle Houston couldn't clear.

"The guys fought hard," Rockets coach Kevin McHale said. "One thing about the team is that they were battlers, and a lot of guys in that room you feel pretty comfortable going to war with."

Curry said he had no linger-



AP Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry holds the conference trophy after Game 5 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals against the Houston Rockets in Oakland, Calif., Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

ing effects from his frightening fall in Game 4 that left him with a bruised head and right side. The MVP wore a protective yellow sleeve on his right arm, which he shed in the third quar-

ter after shooting 4 for 12 and the Warriors clinging to a 52-46 halftime lead.

Things got tougher on Curry and the Warriors when backcourt mate Klay Thompson

faked a shot that drew Trevor Ariza in the air early in the fourth quarter. Thompson absorbed Ariza's knee to the side of his head, sending him to the floor.

Thompson, who finished with 20 points, lay on the ground for a minute before walking to the locker room. He came back to the bench after receiving stitches on his right ear.

The Warriors initially said Thompson could've returned after passing a concussion test. The team said he began not feeling well after the game and started to show concussion-like symptoms. He will continue to be evaluated.

The Warriors did just fine without him, starting the fourth on a 13-4 run and holding off Houston's last-ditch efforts on free throws.

Barnes highlighted the decisive spurt with a dunk that gave Golden State an 87-72 lead with 7:10 remaining. He flexed his muscles to the sellout crowd of 19,596, which spent the final quarter on its feet in anticipation of a long-awaited celebration.

Now it's LeBron vs. Curry.

King James vs. the Baby-Faced Assassin.

The four-time NBA MVP vs. the newly crowned MVP.

The hype has already started for two of the most popular and entertaining players in the world to take center stage for the championship, and it has a week to build even more before starting at rowdy Oracle Arena.

"I can't wait for June 4," smiling Warriors co-owner Joe Lacob said in the locker room.

The conference title is the biggest accomplishment yet in what has been a rapid rise for a Warriors team that is beloved in the basketball-unioned Bay Area despite decades of futility.

Lacob and co-owner Peter Guber, sitting courtside next to rapper Kanye West, have turned the franchise into a contender since they bought the team in 2010. General manager Bob Myers, the NBA Executive of the Year, has constructed a talented roster around Curry that has exceeded all expectations. And first-year coach Kerr blended it all together beautifully after Mark Jackson's messy firing last May.

"I always think of Pat Riley's great quote when you're coaching in the NBA, 'There's winning and there's misery.' And he's right," Kerr said. "It's more than relief. It's joy. Our players are feeling it. I know our fans are."

Jackson watched the celebration from the ESPN table at center court, saying on the broadcast he was proud.

The Warriors rolled to a franchise-record 67 wins in the regular season and had little trouble dispatching New Orleans, Memphis and Houston in the playoffs. Now they're in the finals for the first time since winning the title in 1975 behind Rick Barry and coach Attles, who enjoyed the game sitting in his usual spot at the top of the arena's lower bowl.

## Criminal probe arrives at door of the great survivor Blatter

**ZURICH (AP)**—Sepp Blatter is arguably the most powerful man in world sports and certainly its greatest survivor.

Now comes the biggest challenge of his 17-year rule of FIFA: dealing with the U.S. and Swiss criminal investigations into corruption among soccer officials, including some who were sipping drinks with Blatter in the hours and days before being arrested on Wednesday morning in Zurich.

Despite the corruption scandals that have scarred FIFA for years, the Teflon-coated Blatter has successfully held onto the presidency, his authority seemingly undiminished.

The ability to deflect responsibility onto one-time allies and then disown them has been a hallmark of the 79-year-old Swiss administrator's term in office.

In fast-paced developments on Wednesday, U.S. authorities indicted 14 people, including members of FIFA's executive committee, the ruling body headed by Blatter, over commercial deals.

And Swiss police launched a dawn raid on FIFA headquar-

ters to seize data and documentation as they investigate the already-tarnished 2018 and 2022 World Cup bidding contests.

It's not the first time Swiss investigators have come looking for evidence in a FIFA probe. That happened in a 2005 kickbacks case.

But the timing of this raid could not be worse for Blatter.

It comes only two days before he goes up against FIFA vice president Prince Ali of Jordan in the first contested election for the FIFA presidency since 2002.

Blatter hid away in his office on Wednesday, canceling planned meetings with regional confederations, while sending out a spokesman to defend him in front of the media on the darkest day in FIFA's 111-year history.

Media chief Walter de Gregorio seemed bemused by any suggestions Blatter should be considering his position, only accepting that his leader's "stress factor is higher."

"He is not dancing in his of-

fice. .... He is not kind of a happy man today saying, 'That's really cool what happened,'" De Gregorio said. "But this is the consequence of what we initiated. .... The timing might not obviously be the best but FIFA welcomes this process."

The raid on FIFA was a result of Blatter announcing in November that its secret World

Cup investigation report had been handed over to Swiss authorities to assess. It suggests Blatter was sure the finger of suspicion would not fall on him.

Now, with an election to be won, FIFA is trying to accentuate Blatter's role as the person to lead attempts to banish soccer of its "devils"—a word he has used in the past—and clean up the "Beautiful Game."

It is a mission Blatter suggested in December was ordained by God.

"I believe in the Lord," the staunch Catholic said. "From time to time he tells me I can go directly to the Vatican. .... I will bring back FIFA."

Blatter is credited with turning FIFA into a commercial behemoth. The \$5 billion quadrennial World Cup is a magnet for fans, broadcasters and sponsors, funding handouts for the 209 national associations, many of whom are indebted to Blatter for FIFA's generosity.

After working for athletics and ice hockey federations in Switzerland, Blatter was brought into FIFA by Adidas to work on development projects funded by Coca-Cola in the 1970s.

"Blatter became FIFA employee number 12," read a FIFA portrait of its president in the in-house magazine last year. "A fact that still rankles with him today as the 12th man in a football team is a substitute."

Blatter made sure he would always have a place in FIFA by overseeing, as general secretary, the rapid commercial expansion of world soccer.

"Blatter was a living example of globalization before it became an economic catchphrase," read the fawning FIFA profile, which describes the president as "multilingual, eloquent, quick-witted, savvy, jovial and by no means introverted."

That was clear when he danced around the stage at Oxford University in November 2013, attempting to impersonate Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo. The same appearance featured Blatter's most strident defense of his integrity.

"Perhaps you think I am a ruthless parasite sucking the lifeblood out of the world and out of football—the Godfather of the FIFA gravy train," he told the Oxford students. "There are those who will tell you that FIFA is just a conspiracy, a scam, accountable to nobody. .... There are those who will tell you of the supposed sordid secrets that lie deep in our (James) Bond villain headquarters in the hills above Zurich."

Now some of the secrets of soccer's dirty dealings are out in the open, exposed in detail by U.S. and Swiss prosecutors on Wednesday.

But Blatter's ability to survive years of scandals unscathed suggests this week's most likely outcome: Blatter being re-elected to serve as soccer's leader for a fifth, four-year term.





# A-Rod breaks Gehrig's AL RBI record; Yanks sweep Royals, 4-2



## NEW YORK

(AP)—Alex Rodriguez hit a three-run homer to break Lou Gehrig's American League record for RBIs, and the New York Yankees beat the Kansas City Royals 4-2 Wednesday to finish a three-game sweep.

Michael Pineda (6-2) rebounded from consecutive losses and Brian McCann hit a solo shot for the Yankees, who outscored the AL champions 23-4 in their first home sweep of at least three games against Kansas City since August 2007. Chris Young (4-1) gave up both Yankees home runs, and the slumping Royals have dropped four straight for the first time since Aug. 28-31.

## Mariners 3, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Felix Hernandez pitched a four-hitter to become the major's first eight-game winner, Nelson Cruz hit his AL-best 18th homer to snap a scoreless tie in the ninth inning and the Mariners completed a three-game sweep by beating the Rays.

Hernandez (8-1) got four double plays in his second shut-out this season.

## Indians 12, Rangers 3

In Cleveland, Carlos Santana capped and eight-run third inning with a three-run homer, leading the Indians past Texas to end the Rangers' seven-game winning streak.

Carlos Carrasco (6-4) allowed only Robinson Chirinos' solo homer in the fifth while pitching eight sharp innings. The right-hander held Texas to five hits and struck out eight.

Texas starter Colby Lewis (4-3) allowed 10 runs and 11 hits in 2 2-3 innings. He was chased in the third when the Indians sent 12 men to the plate.

## Twins 6, Red Sox 4

In Minneapolis, Aaron Hicks homered for the first time in more than a year and the Twins extended their winning streak to five games with a victory over the Red Sox.

Eddie Rosario also homered for Minnesota, which has won nine of 11. The Twins swept Boston for the first time since June 13-15, 2006.

Dustin Pedroia homered twice for the Red Sox, who have lost six of eight.

## Nationals 3, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Bryce Harper hit his 18th home run, Max Scherzer struck out a season-high 13 to outduel Jon Lester and Washington beat Chicago.

The top two free-agent pitchers on the market last offseason, Scherzer and Lester (4-3) faced off in a memorable matchup in the finale of the three-game series. Scherzer (6-3), who signed a seven-year deal worth \$210 million with Washington, was better than his counterpart, throwing seven scoreless in-

nings while allowing five hits and one walk to win his fifth straight start.

## Cardinals 4, Diamondbacks 3

In St. Louis, Jason Heyward atoned for a critical error with a game-tying homer leading off the ninth inning and St. Louis scored the winning run on catcher Jordan Pacheco's throwing error, completing a three-game sweep with a victory.

Mark Trumbo homered for Arizona, which has lost nine of its past 10 against the Cardinals.

Pacheco replaced Tuffy Gosselin, who jammed his left knee on a groundout in the sixth. With the bases loaded and one out in the ninth, Arizona third baseman Yasmany Tomas threw home for a force out on Jhonny Peralta's grounder against Brad Ziegler (0-1). Pacheco tried for a double play, but threw well above first baseman Paul Goldschmidt's head and Matt Carpenter scored.

## White Sox 5, Blue Jays 3, 10 innings

In Toronto, Adam LaRoche singled in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the White Sox beat Toronto to avoid a three-game sweep.

Jose Abreu had three hits with two RBIs and scored the winning run as Chicago won for the second time in nine games. The White Sox avoided what would have been their first sweep in

Toronto since 2009.

## Giants 3, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Ryan Vogelsong allowed one run in six innings to win his third straight start, Joe Panik hit a two-run homer and the Giants completed a three-game sweep in Milwaukee.

The Giants bullpen finished off the last-place Brewers with three hitless innings, capped by Santiago Casilla's 1-2-3 ninth for his 14th save.

## Mets 7, Phillies 0

In New York, Noah Syndergaard pitched six-hit ball into the eighth inning and connected for his first major league home run, Lucas Duda homered twice and the Mets completed a three-game sweep of the Phillies.

Syndergaard (2-2) struck out six in 7 1-3 innings to become the first rookie in Mets history to strike out at least five batters in each of his first four starts. He also went 3 for 3 at the plate, tying a franchise record for hits in a game by a pitcher.

## Pirates 5, Marlins 2

In Pittsburgh, Jung Ho Kang capped a late rally with a two-run single and the Pirates ran their winning streak to six games with a win over the Marlins.

Josh Harrison and Pedro Alvarez added RBI singles during Pittsburgh's five-run seventh as the Pirates won for the first time this season when trailing after six innings. Gerrit Cole (7-2)

struck out seven in seven efficient innings.

## Rockies 6, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Nolan Arenado hit a three-run homer and Kyle Kendrick pitched into the eighth inning for his first win since opening day, leading the Rockies over the Reds.

The Rockies won for the fourth time in five games, taking two of three in the series. The Reds have lost 10 of 11.

Arenado hit his 10th homer in the first inning off Mike Leake (2-4) and added a single. In the past four games, the third baseman is 9 for 16 with three homers, one triple and 10 RBIs.

## Tigers 3, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Calif., Yoenis Cespedes homered with two outs in the fifth inning to break a scoreless tie against his former team and six Detroit pitchers combined on an six-hitter to lead the Tigers over the Athletics.

Cespedes hit a three-run home run off Oakland reliever Dan Otero (2-3) after Ian Kinsler doubled to end an 0-for-22 drought and Miguel Cabrera was intentionally walked.

## Orioles 5, Astros 4

In Baltimore, Chris Davis hit two homers, including a go-ahead solo shot in the eighth inning, to lead the Orioles to a victory over the Astros.

Evan Gattis had three hits, including his 10th homer of the

season.

After Brad Bach (3-0) pitched a perfect eighth, Davis got his first multihomer game in more than a year with a towering shot to center off Tony Sipp (2-2).

## Braves 3, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Andreton Simmons had two hits and scored the go-ahead run on Adam Liberatore's wild pitch in the eighth inning, Cameron Maybin homered to continue his hot month and the Braves beat the Dodgers to avoid a three-game sweep.

With the game tied 1-1, Simmons led off the eighth with a single against Chris Hatcher (1-4) and, after making his way to third base, came home when Liberatore uncorked a wild pitch over the head of catcher A.J. Ellis with two outs.

## Padres 5, Angels 4

In Anaheim, Calif., Justin Upton and Matt Kemp hit two-out RBI singles in the seventh inning and Will Middlebrooks had a two-run homer to help give run-starved Andrew Cashner all the support he would need as the Padres beat the Angels.

Cashner (2-7) allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings and struck out six in the rubber game of the interleague series. The right-hander, making his Angel Stadium debut, had received only three total runs of support in his previous six starts since beating the Chicago Cubs 5-2 on April 19.



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# Tired Leina ends up 49th in US Open qualifier

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REPORTER

Leina Kim failed in her first attempt to qualify in the 70th edition of the U.S. Women's Open as she ended up tied for 49th after the 36-hole Sectional Qualifier on Wednesday at The Dunes Course in Brighton, Colorado.

A total of 66 female golfers, 49 of which are amateurs like Kim, competed for two pro and amateur spots to the \$4-million U.S. Women's Open that will be held at the Lancaster Country Club in Lancaster Pennsylvania from July 9 to 12.

Kim shot a two-round total of 19-over 163 to join Silver Creek High School junior Erin Sargent and former three-time U.S. Kids Golf World champion Alexa Pano at 49th place or 25 shots back from the 6-under-138 of Bertine Strauss.

Strauss and Maria Fassi (5-under 139) qualified as amateurs, while Kelli Bowers (3-under 141) and Madeleine Sheils (2-under 142) earned the two spots for pros.

Kim had a rough two rounds shooting 8-over 80 in the morning and 11-over-83 in the afternoon. Both rounds were

played on the same day with organizers only having an almost one hour interval in between rounds.

Kim, who had to carry her own golf clubs after her caddy backed out before tee off, had a rough start after she bogeyed

the 383-yard par-4 No. 1. She finished the morning round with seven more bogeys as nerves and tiredness crept in.

The Colorado State Univer-



sity-Pueblo junior drove for two hours from Pueblo to Brighton just to attend the event and had to head back to campus after the tournament since she still has summer classes.

She will next compete in the by-invitation only Judson Collegiate & Legends Pro-Am Challenge set from June 25 to 29 at Country Club of Roswell in Roswell, Georgia.

The tournament is organized by Lauren Judson, in honor

of her parents Jim and Beth, and hosted by 13-time Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour winner Rosie Jones.

The Judson Collegiate & Legends is considered to be the Masters of women's collegiate golf.

## Vive la France! Good day for Monfils, Tsonga at French Open

**PARIS** (AP)—Gael Monfils delivered one final ace, his 21st, and closed out his latest raucous, five-set victory on Court Philippe Chatrier to the delight of roaring, partisan spectators.

An entertainer at heart, Monfils pounded his chest with his right fist repeatedly and, after hugging opponent Diego Schwartzman at the net, used his right shoe to etch a sketch of a smiley face on the French Open main stadium's red clay.

Needless to say, his adoring public loved that, too.

Since 1983, when Yannick Noah became the most recent man from France to win the championship at Roland Garros, the locals have not had a whole lot to cheer about at their Grand Slam tennis tournament. So mark Wednesday as a rare

bright light along the way: All five of the host country's men in action advanced to the third round, including three who were seeded—No. 12 Gilles Simon, No. 13 Monfils and No. 14 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga—and two who defeated seeded players—Nicolas Mahut and Benoit Paire.

"Everybody," Tsonga said, "remember Yannick's victory."

Monfils trailed Argentina's Schwartzman two sets to one, before coming back and improving to 14-10 in five-setters with a 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 win filled with loud cheers between points and plenty of supportive cries of "Allez!"

"Actually, today I won because I had the crowd behind

me," Monfils said. "They give me, let's say, some wings."

The 5-foot-7 (1.70-meter) Schwartzman, who is 9 inches (23 centimeters) shorter than Monfils, noticed the fans' effect, saying: "He always uses the people (to his advantage), in all his matches."

While some French players through the years have found the expectations of their countrymen too much to bear during these two weeks - Amelie Mauresmo comes to mind - Monfils and Tsonga occasionally thrive in the setting.

Both men have reached the semifinals in Paris - Monfils in 2008, and Tsonga in 2013. And both say they find the attention from the crowds more help than hindrance.

"For me," Tsonga said, "it's

something positive."

What, he was asked, might the reaction in France be if someone could end its 32-year wait for a men's French Open title?

"First of all, I would be interested in winning! What would happen next? I don't really know. I have absolutely no idea. The fans are happy when we win a first-round match," a grinning Tsonga replied, enjoying his own one-liner, "so I guess winning the tournament would be something extraordinary for a country like ours."

Tsonga, the Australian Open runner-up in 2008, had little trouble Wednesday while defeating Israel's Dudi Sela 6-4, 6-1, 6-1. Simon also was a straight-set winner, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 over Slovakia's Martin Klizan.

"If everything goes fine," Simon said, "I feel capable of doing great things."

He'll next face the 116th-ranked Mahut, best known for losing the longest match in tennis history to John Isner at Wimbledon in 2010. Mahut eliminated No. 24 Ernests Gulbis of Latvia, a French Open semifinalist last year, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. Paire, ranked 71st, beat No. 28 Fabio Fognini 6-1, 6-3, 7-5.

The only seeded Frenchwoman, No. 29 Alize Cornet, added to the general joie de vivre around the grounds—more crowded and louder than on other days of the week, because school-children have half-days on Wednesday—by winning 6-2, 7-5 against Romania's Alexandra Dulgheru.

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cause as you advanced to the next round it gets tougher and tougher. I would also say the Nationals was the most memorable tournament for me because as a four-player team, we still accomplished a lot of things," said Minor, who is joined in the squad by the Federated States of Micronesia's Amanda Hawkins and Papua New Guinea's Lorish Puluspene and coached by former Pacific Oceania Junior ITF development officer Dan O'Connell.

In the NCJAA Division 1 National Championships held in Tucson, Arizona early this month, the 20-year-old Minor marched into the quarterfinals of both the singles and doubles events. In the singles contest, the Saipan Southern High

School graduate crushed Amanda Bertoldi of Snead State, 6-0, 6-0, in the opening round. In the next round, the unranked Minor stunned No. 8 seed Daniella Sanz of Barton Community College, 6-1, 7-5 to advance to the quarterfinals where the former CNMI top girls juniors player eventually bowed to top-ranked and Flight 2 champion Bianco, 0-6, 0-6.

In the doubles, Minor and Banimataku also went 2-0 to qualify into the quarterfinals before falling to their seeded foes. The Bronco duo first swept Haileigh Harper and Marina Schmidt of Harford Community College, 6-1, 6-0, and then slipped past Florida State College of Jacksonville's Olivia Rolle and Michelle Chemally, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Incidentally, Minor and Banimataku were pitted against the No. 1 ranked and

Flight 1 champion pair of Olivarrez and Bianco in the quarterfinals and lost, 0-6, 0-6.

Despite faltering in her quarterfinals matches in singles and doubles, Minor believed she exceeded expectations in her rookie season with the Bronco.

"I wasn't expecting to reach the quarterfinals of the Nationals in my first year so I am proud and happy how I ended my freshmen season. I plan to train harder for the upcoming season so we can come back to the Nationals and hopefully with a full team," said Minor, who is in town for the summer vacation.

Minor's team is among the few schools in NJCAA Division 1 with a depleted roster. Usually, squads have seven to nine players available for competition.

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the four triples of Marlon Sison and Mico Usi and Robert Guiang's 6 points, to grab the upper hand after the first half, 34-29. In the second half, Auto Motion made repeated bids to pull away, but Old'Aces, behind the 3-point shooting of Stole, refused to give up.

Stole scored Old'Aces' last 10 points in the third period, keeping his team in the match, 54-58, entering the fourth canto. Before Stole's string of points, Auto Motion threatened to break away, 56-46, with just 1:15 left in the third. Auto Motion established the double-digit spread despite losing Sison,

who was ejected from the game along with Old'Aces' Bryan Manabat for exchanging unpleasant words midway in that period.

Auto Motion widened the gap anew in the opening minutes of the fourth, 66-54 behind the two straight baskets of Resty Joson and one each from Ed Yalung and Andy Viola. However, Stole was not ready to throw in the towel yet as he drained three consecutive triples to slice the deficit to 3, 63-66, 5:28 left on the clock.

Auto Motion pressed the panic button after Old'Aces' rally and when the game resumed countered with its own 8-0 spurt to take the game away for good, down to the last two minutes of the match. Guiang started the

run with an and-1 undergoal shot that he failed to complete, while Viola hit two shots in the paint, and Joson canned the other point-blanked shots against the undersized and depleted Old'Aces crew.

The Old'Aces were limited to two field goals in the last five minutes and change of the fourth quarter with Stole making only one field goal and missing his next five 3-point attempts. Junior Renguul canned the other basket for the Old'Aces.

With the win, Auto Motion forced a semis duel against LBT Appraisal this Saturday. Blue Haus and Armatech will collide in the other Final Four matchup tonight.

Meanwhile, in the U20 divi-

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gave the Kingfishers two gold medals in the long jump (4.58) and vortex-throw (26.32).

Inocencio (4.42) and Kasian (4.10) finished second and third to Ramarui in the long jump event, while Heart Esquivel of WSR (26.03) and Tinian's Pritzel Carreon (23.80) duplicated the feat in the v-throw.

In the U10 boys division, Saipan International School's Rintaro Miyawaki gave the Geckos three gold medals in the 400m (1:17.73), 800m (2:51.26), and 1,500m (5:48.41) running events. His 5:48.41 time in the 1500m run is better than his last year's 5:54.26 record.

WSR's Jim Maniago (1:23.98) and San Vicente's John Lloyd Tuquero (1:25.19) came in second and third in the

400m run, while Marcus Pelisamen also of WSR (3:17.30) and Whispering Palms' Max Church (3:20.23) equaling the feat in the 800m run. WSR teammates John Mark Anastacio (7:02.85) and John Ray Shahadat (7:45.30) won the silver and bronze in the 1500m run.

Devin Igisomar won two golds for Oleai Elementary School, 60m run (9.0)) and 100m run (15.55) with his teammates Ariel Narvaez (9.39) and Jonathan Wolf (17.39) placing second and third in both events.

San Vicente's Jovic Tuquero bagged the 60m run bronze (9.59), while Tinian's Saim Ali silver in the 100m run with a time of 16.36.

WSR's Lushawn Reyes (35.76), Oleai's Wolf (36.08), and San Vicente's John Lloyd Tuquero (36.69) in the 200m run; Saipan Commu-

Four duel tonight.

#### First Game

**Auto Motion 76** – Guiang 18, Viola 15, Joson 12, Galulu 8, Usi 8, Sison 8, Yalung 6.

**Old'Aces 67**– Stole 31, Renguul 18, Ayuyu 16, Fital 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 6-23, 34-29, 58-54, 76-67.

#### Second Game

**Ol'Aces 101** – Jo. Santos 29, Magofna 22, Lampkin 14, Nakashima 10, Muna 9, Je. Santos 8, Jones 6, Palino 3.

**Gilas 50** – Salalila 14, Es-mundo 12, Espinosa 6, Diyco 6, Bondoc 6, Aque 2, Sto. Domingo 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 20-11, 45-21, 69-36, 101-50.

nity School's Seung Jim-Paik (3.60m), Seho Baek of Kolblerville (3.50), and WSR's Luke Mersai (3.28) in long jump; and WSR's Freddy Pelisamen (35.20), and SVES teammates Alexander Villazon (34.08) and Franklin Pangelinan (31.08) in the v-throw were the other medalists.

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#### MLB STANDINGS

##### AMERICAN LEAGUE

###### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	25	22	.532	—
Tampa Bay	24	24	.500	1½
Baltimore	21	23	.477	2½
Toronto	22	27	.449	4
Boston	21	26	.447	4

###### Central Division

Kansas City	28	18	.609	—
Minnesota	28	18	.609	—
Detroit	28	20	.583	1
Cleveland	21	25	.457	7
Chicago	20	24	.455	7

###### West Division

Houston	30	18	.625	—
Seattle	23	23	.500	6
Los Angeles	23	24	.489	6½
Texas	23	24	.489	6½
Oakland	17	32	.347	13½

##### NATIONAL LEAGUE

###### East Division

Washington	28	19	.596	—
New York	27	21	.563	1½
Atlanta	23	23	.500	4½
Philadelphia	19	30	.388	10
Miami	18	30	.375	10½

###### Central Division

St. Louis	31	16	.660	—
Chicago	25	21	.543	5½
Pittsburgh	24	22	.522	6½
Cincinnati	19	27	.413	11½
Milwaukee	16	32	.333	15½

###### West Division

Los Angeles	28	18	.609	—
San Francisco	28	20	.583	1
San Diego	23	25	.479	6
Arizona	21	25	.457	7
Colorado	19	26	.422	8½

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# Lopez, Rastguiy earn ranking points

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Two CNMI players were awarded ITF Juniors ranking points at the conclusion of the 2015 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships last week.

Mikayla Lopez got 20 points for making it to the semifinals of the singles event and quarterfinals of the doubles, while Negahr Rastguiy got 5 points for marching into the Round of 16, too, of the doubles competition.

In the singles event, Lopez received 15 ITF Juniors ranking points as her three wins in the main draw put her in the Final Four round. She eliminated No. 6 seed Sabrina May Woll of Hong Kong in the first round, 6-4, 6-4; outlasted Japan's Makoto Ohara in the second, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1, and stunned the second-ranked Maria Dominique Ong of the Philippines in the third, 6-1, 6-0, to gain entry into the semifinals against eventual finalist and No. 3 seed Ayano Shimizu.

In the doubles, she and partner Ayana Rengil of Palau eked out a come-from-behind 4-6, 6-1, (10-8) victory over Woll and Yuen Yung Liu to advance to the quarterfinals against eventual finalists Yuki Naito

and Funa Kozaki of Japan.

With her Final Four finish in the singles event of this month's tournament and quarterfinals stint in the double, Lopez moved up on the rankings list. From No. 2,076 (before the opening of the IT&E-sponsored event) she climbed to No. 1,381 (as of May 25, 2015).

Meanwhile, Rastguiy also won her opening match in the doubles with Singapore's Nicole Tan to claim a Round of 8 berth and collect 5 ranking points. Rastguiy and Tan outclassed Japan's Yuna Fukumuro and Haruka Yoshino, 6-3, 4-6, (10-6). With her 5 points in the doubles, Rastguiy took the No. 2,125 rankings.

Besides Rastguiy and Lopez, 17 other Commonwealth players joined the Grade 5 event, but missed ranking points after bowing out in the first round. In the boys division, the CNMI had Michael Ren, Luther Lizama, Tommy Choi, Ken Song, Haruya Eda, Robbie Schorr, Vincent Tudela, Steven Goodwin, and Clayton Izuka, while the girls roster had Tania Tan, Carol Lee, Julia Ishikawa, Isabel Heras, Ami Tsukagoshi, Mimi Sakano, Tammy Ackerman, and Malika Miyawaki.



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The CNMI's Negahr Rastguiy stands by near the net, while teammate Nicole Tan makes a return during their first round match against Japan's Yuna Fukumuro and Haruka Yoshino in the doubles event in the 2015 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships last week at the Pacific Islands Club tennis courts.



## Rites of Passage 18 rescheduled to July 3

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Trench Tech promoter Cuki Alvarez has rescheduled Rites of Passage 18: Warpath to July 3 with the venue still being worked out.

The event was originally scheduled on May 15 at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort, but was cancelled due to Typhoon Dolphin passing the Marianas on the same day.

Organizers were about to

push through with the fight that Friday night, but emergency officials advised them to call off the event to secure the safety of fighters and all the fans.

Alvarez, first, rescheduled the fight on June 19 but most of the fighters from the CNMI and Guam are not available on the date that is why they pushed it back to July 3, which is the Liberation Day weekend.

"We got a lot of positive feedback from the majority of the fighters. I got a consensus from all, July 3 is the best date for them," said Alvarez. "And since it is the Liberation Day weekend, we believe it will draw a lot of fans looking for some excitement."

He added that he is already working on securing a hotel sponsor for the event since

Mango Resort is booked for the Asia-Pacific-Middle East Junior, Senior, and Big League Regional Tournament.

Alvarez said that he has already met with the owners of the Marianas Business Plaza to discuss the logistics and see if it is possible to hold the event at their parking lot.

"Also, we are working on having the event at the newly constructed solar panel parking lot of the Marianas Business Plaza. We'll give and release more details at a latter time," added Alvarez.

Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez (10-2) was about to fight High Blood Pressure's Ernie Santos (5-0) for the vacant 125-lb flyweight belt in the Rites of Passage 18's featured double main event.

The flyweight belt was vacated after it was stripped from Josh "Chaos" Duenas (4-5) following the former champion's failure to defend his title for not making weight.

UMA Gym's Jose "Young Blood" Ramirez (1-1) takes on Guam Muay Thai's Eric "Gatty" Gatman (2-0) for the 155-lb lightweight strap.

There are also 14 undercard bouts, three of which are kickboxing matches, to be featured in ROP 18.

Alvarez said Trench Tech will honor ticketholders of the May 15 event for the July 3 fight.

## Unsa, Agulto win Golden Boot race

Wild Bill's Tanapon Unsa and World Resort's Daniel Agulto topped the Golden Boot race in their respective divisions in the spring season of the M-League.

Unsa had the most goals in Division 1, collecting 23 in 10 games. The Kagman High School student was the lone player in the entire league to knock in at least 20 goals as his closest pursuer—Sean Perez of spring champion Tan Holdings Football Club—tallied only 13. Unsa pulled away from Perez after making it to the board in Wild Bill's last three games in the double-round robin competition.

Joining Unsa and Perez on the list of players who logged goals in twin digits was another Tan Holdings striker—Martin Jambor. Jambor gained 10 goals, reaching the double-digit mark in Tan Holdings' last game of the season, as he drilled the pair of goals in their 2-0 win over Inter Godfather's and handed his squad the Division 1 spring championship early this month.

Meanwhile, six other Division 1 players recorded at least four goals each in the spring season. MP United's Joe Miller posted eight to finish fourth, while Inter Godfather's Peter Loken came in at fifth with his



Agulto



Unsa



five. Loken's teammates Chris Nelson and Ryu Tanzawa, Paire's Yoshi Mafnas, and Wild Bill's Jerraphong Thoensaket had four apiece.

In Division 2, Agulto led the way with his 16 goals. The former CNMI National Team member kept the top spot and nosed out Sun Palace's Junsik Kim after scoring five goals in World Resort's last two games.

Kim fell short in his bid to overtake Agulto at the No. 1 spot after

making only 11 goals, three more than five players tied for third to seventh place. Titu Ahmed and Tej Gurung of Division 2 champion Matansa, Shirley's Kosuke Sato, the Thundercats' Yong Jun Jeon, and World Resort's Hoin Ryu collected eight goals each. There was also a tie for eighth to ninth place with Matansa's Jeongwook Hwang and Sun Palace's Feng Chun Jin having seven goals apiece.

Other Division 1 players who notched at least five goals each were Kanoa's Davy Laxa (6), Bradley Brostrom (6), and Owen Ji (6), Shirley's Muneaki Arai (5) and Fradel Sedillo (5), and the Thundecats' Cosmos Kim (5), Timothy Tawapiy (5), and Don Cabrera (4).  
(Roselyn B. Monroyo)



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Jadrien "BonBon" Camacho overpowers Jimmy Kaipat in last year's Trench Warz 18: Rock & Rumble at the Saipan World Resort. Trench Tech will have its first fight event this year with Rites of Passage 18: Warpath.





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# Thea makes national rankings

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The CNMI's Thea Minor barged into the national rankings of National Junior College Athletics Association. Minor, who debuted this year with

New Mexico Military Institute and plays in NJCAA's Division 1, and teammate Lorraine Banimataku of Vanuatu are ranked No. 8 in doubles. In singles, the Commonwealth player is at No. 43. ASA College and Chile's Macarena Olivarez led the Top 50 players in the singles rankings and is also on top of the list in the



doubles with partner Megano Bianco of Switzerland. "Getting a national ranking for both singles and doubles in my freshman year is a great achievement. I gained a lot of experience playing in all the tournaments and I would say the Nationals was the most difficult one be-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Thea Minor, right, poses with her New Mexico Military Institute teammates and coach Dan O'Connell during one of the Bronco's tournaments in Division 1 of the National Junior College Athletics Association.

## Auto Motion, Ol'Aces enter semis

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Auto Motion and the Ol'Aces completed the semis cast in the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League after knocking out their respective foes last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Auto Motion recovered from a slow start and survived the hot shooting of Old'Aces' Jesse Stole in the second half to notch a 76-67 win and join Blue Haus, LBT Appraisal, and Armatech in



the Final Four of the Masters division. The Old'Aces were eliminated along with Graphics/Star 6.

The Old'Aces got the boot despite taking an early double-digit spread, 23-6. Jerry Ayuyu led the Old'Aces in the first period, firing 10 points and outgunning Auto Motion, which was held to three field goals in the opening frame.

Auto Motion then turned the tables on Old'Aces in the second period, 28-6, behind

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO  
The Ol'Aces' Mike Muna pulls up for a baseline jumper against Gilas' Chico Bondoc, second left, and D.J. Espinosa, partly hidden, during the first quarter of their playoff game in the U20 division of the UFO caging last Wednesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## Sablan sweeps girls U10 events in All-Schools

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Madeleine Sablan showed that she's the fastest runner in the girls Under-10 division after sweeping all of her events in the recently concluded Public Schools System/McDonald's All-Schools Athletics Championship.

Sablan and the rest of the more than 300 youngsters had to wait for one week before plunging into action as Typhoon Dolphin postponed the event, which was originally set from May 14 to 16.

Sablan's wait was worth it as she ruled the 60m, 100m, 200m, and 400m runs where her 200m run time eclipsing Conatsu Kaga's record last year. She had personal best times in all of her events, eclipsing her records in the qualifiers.

Sablan clocked in 9.09 seconds, shaving a tenth of a second during the qualifiers, 9.19, to win the 60m run gold then improved her 15.2 qualifying mark in the 100m run when she topped the race in 14.53 seconds.

She then added the 200m run gold after posting the fastest time of 32.74 seconds or close to five seconds faster than her

qualifying time of 37.12 and better than Kaga's 33.49 in last year's championship.

San Vicente Elementary School teammates Victoria Torres (9.26) and Juliet Inocencio (9.40) finished second and third in the 60m run and changed places in the 100m sprint with the latter clinching the silver (15.03) and the latter the bronze (15.23).

Whispering Palms School's River Kramer placed second

in the 200m run with a time of 33.85 seconds, while Inocencio clinched the bronze (34.12).

Sablan then completed her gold-medal sweep in the 400m run when she crossed the finish line in 1:19.50 beating Kramer by 0.37 seconds as the WPS bet clocked in 1:19.87. Kagman Elementary School's Jolina Gildilak was third (1:23.53).

Kramer bounced back in the 800m run with a 3:12.64 time to lead a 1-2 finish for Whispering

Palms as teammate Ellie Epley settled for the silver (3:13.73). Koblerville's Princess Kasian (3:36.28) won the bronze.

Kasian won Koblerville's fifth gold after ruling the 1,500m run with a time of 7:30.28 to beat Violet Allen of Whispering Palms by a hair (7:31.01). Marinel Falalimpa, also of Koblerville, was third (8:03.51).

William S. Reyes' Raenna Ramarui and Paulynn Joyce

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Saipan International School's Rintaro Miyawaki, center, ruled the 1,500m run event to join William S. Reyes' teammates John Mark Anastacio (silver), left, and John Ray Shahadat (bronze) at the podium.